6 die in floods, slides spawned by storm 'Juan'

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By Blanche Rivera

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GMA allies welcome Jawo

Ex-cage star hits crucial jumper, makes it 13-11 for Drilon team

By Rocky Nazareno

"FOR COUNTRY and family."

Saying he was basing his choice on "what matters most," Sen. Robert Jaworski yesterday came out into the open and declared his support for the administration. The President's allies immediately welcomed him.

Senate President Franklin Drilon hailed Jaworski and welcomed him to "our ranks and commend(ed) him for his patriotic act." Sen. Francis Pangilinan cited Jaworski for "being sensitive to the public pulse that has grown tired of politicking and is desirous of unity and no-nonsense hard work."

Jaworski's five-paragraph press statement ended a seven-week standoff in the Senate.

His defection, as well as the arrival of his father-in-law Sen. Ramon Revilla from the United States last Friday, brings the number of administration coalition senators to 13—the same number before Sen. John Osmeña switched to the opposition on June 3.

"For some time now, my family and relatives have been politically divided. I wish to contribute to putting that to an end, and unify the family," Jaworski's statement read. "The bottom line now lies on what matters most in my life ... country and family."

Jaworski is married to Revilla's daughter Evelyn. His son Robert Jr. is married to the daughter of Jose "Peping" Cojuangco, a close ally of President Macapagal-Arroyo. His cousin Edgardo Espiritu is also a key supporter of the President.

It is "within my resolve to break the impasse in the Senate, in order for this august institution to redeem the confidence of our people which has seemingly gone astray," Jaworski said.

He lamented how the "current stalemate

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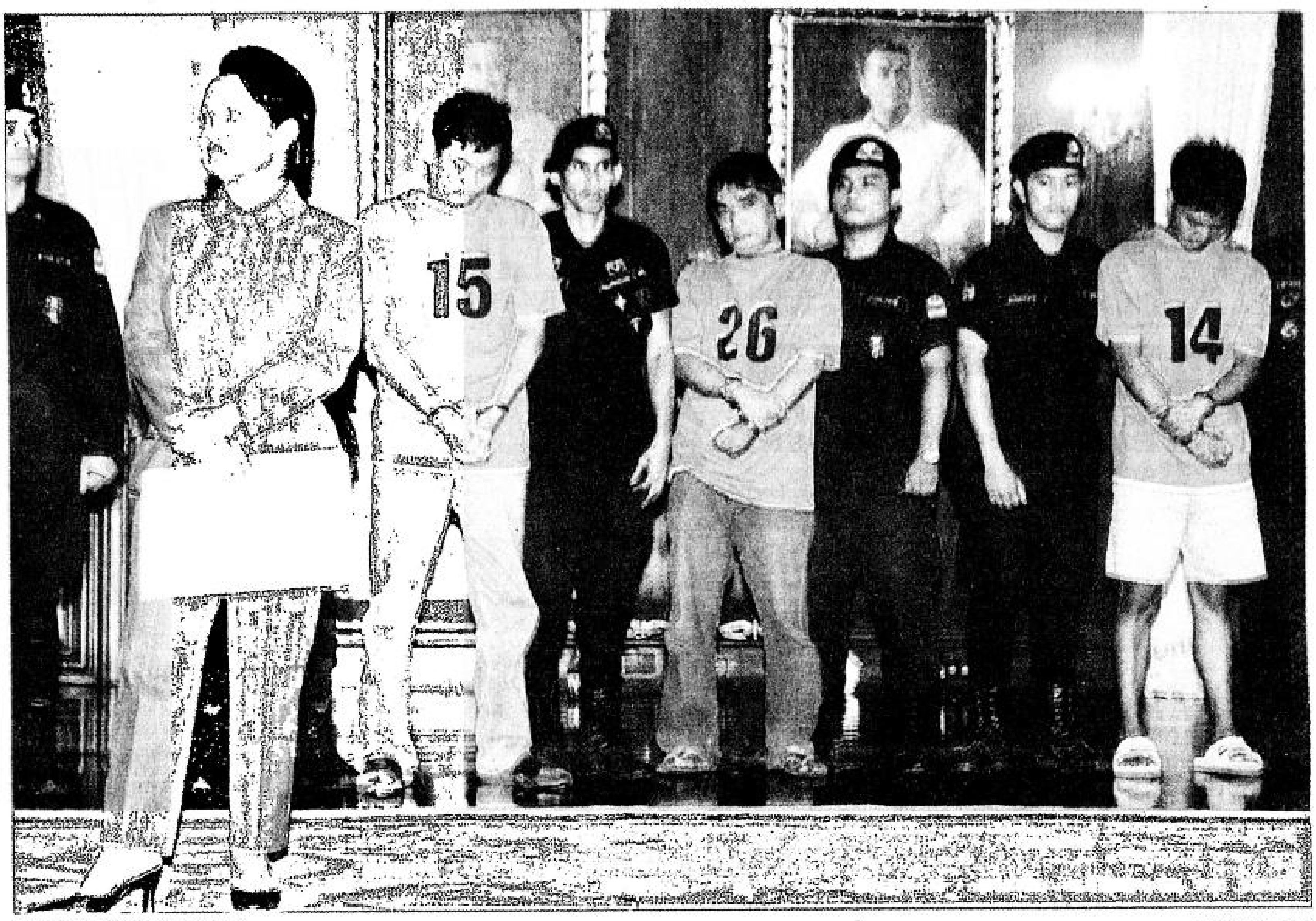

PACER SCORES AGAIN

EDWIN BACASMAS

The Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (Pacer) presents to President Macapagal in Malacañang three suspected kidnappers belonging to the Villaver gang. The group is allegedly responsible for the kidnap-slay of Connie Yap Wong. *(Story on Page A3.)*

Businessmen see recovery only in 2004

By Carlito Pablo

TOP EXECUTIVES of the country's largest companies do not expect the economy to recover fully sooner than 2004, an election year, according to a private polling firm.

Pulse Asia based its finding on an online survey called Business Pulse it carried out from May 15 to June 18 with 30 chief executives from the country's top 1,000 corporations.

Most of the executives feel "lukewarm about current economic conditions" although they foresee a gradual improvement in the near term, economist Emmanuel de Dios, Pulse Asia's research director for Business Pulse, said in a statement.

"The process of economic recovery is expected to be slow. A plurality of the panelists does not expect the economy to recover fully from effects of the Asian crisis (in 1997) and the global slowdown sooner than 2004, an election year," De Dios said.

With the process of economic

BUSINESSMEN/A19

Solid building to replace Gloria's paper boat

By Carlito Pablo
in Manila
and Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

AFTER having sailed its course, the *"bangkang papel"* (paper boat) that once represented President Macapagal-Arroyo's vision in her first State of the Nation Address (Sona) last year—jobs, education, housing and food—will now be a relic in the country's political museum.

In its place will be a solid building, the figure chosen by the President in her second Sona today to symbolize her next offering: a strong republic.

"It's a reference to a building where the different sectors contribute, like stones," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said.

Bunye said that the President's Sona would signal the "start of a strong republic," marking an end to what he described as a period "devoted to fighting or putting out fires here and there."

Bunye said that while the government was seen "accommodating various interests," before, the time "has passed for us to really move forward."

In her fist Sona, Ms Macapagal presented three boys from impoverished families, who were among those who floated on the Pasig River paper boats containing their wishes for a better life.

The opposition has since used

SOLID/A18

Breaking Senate stalemate is key to GMA success

By Amando Doronila

THE SENATE stalemate looms as the defining issue facing the administration as President Macapagal-Arroyo delivers today her second State of the Nation Address.

ANALYSIS

It overshadows whatever results she accomplished during the past year. Breaking the gridlock is the key to whether she can move the nation from its paralysis and govern effectively as a platform on which to build a "strong republic," the theme of Sona 2.

Despite claims of the President's media handlers that two or three senators had broken away from the opposition camp, the truth is that the situation is touch and go.

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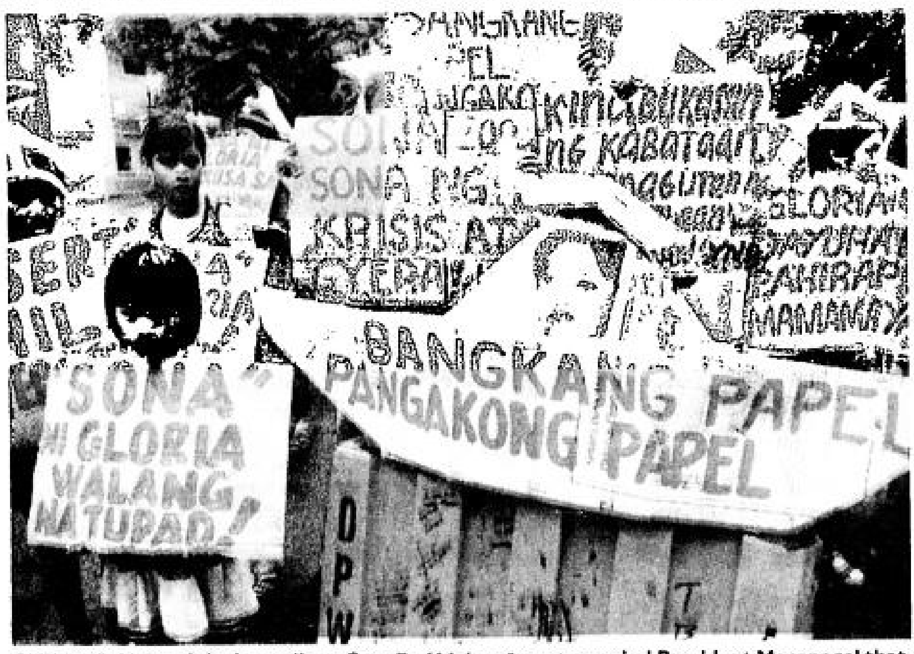

CHILDREN join adults in a rally at Gate 7 of Malacañang to remind President Macapagal that she has not kept her promise of providing the poor with jobs, homes, education and food—the wishes for a better life three boys scribbled on "bangkang papel (paper boat)" that they floated on the Pasig River toward Malacañang last year.

JESS YUSON

Payatas boys described as despairing

By Christian V. Esguerra, Gerald G. Lacuarta and Agnes E. Donato

A YEAR after President Macapagal-Arroyo presented them before the country during her State of the Nation Address (Sona), the three boys from the Payatas dump feel their worst fear is coming true: they're going the way of Mang Pandoy.

Mang Pandoy gave poverty a face during a televised debate among presidential candidates in 1992. After the elections, the Ramos administration offered him a job in a government TV station. He lost his job when the program was scrapped, plunging him again into poverty.

Jayson Vann Banogan, 11, Jomer Pabalan, 10, and Erwin Dolera, 9, are still contemplating whether to go to today's Sona. Not the President's Sona but the "Sona ng Bayan," the militant group's version of the national situation.

"They want the President to know that her promises have not been fulfilled," said Yolly Alcantara of the Kalipunan ng

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MELCHOR

'Peace with Muslims possible if God wills it'

By Soliman M. Santos Jr.
Contributor

(Editor's Note: Santos is a lawyer, peace advocate and legal scholar, and the nephew of Alejandro Melchor Jr., the former executive secretary who died on July 12 at age 72. His essay recalls Melchor's involvement in attempts to resolve the so-called Moro problem.)

IT WAS the end game of the 1992-1996 peace negotiations with the Moro National Liberation Front. The talks were stalled over the most contentious issue: "the transitional implementing structure and mechanism." The MNLF interpreted this to mean the provisional government provided for in the 1976 Tripoli Agreement. But the Philippines viewed such a provisional government as unconstitutional.

A Carmelite nun, through her prayers and her direct personal intervention with President Fidel Ramos, Executive Secretary Ruben Torres, Libyan Ambassador Rajab Azzarouq and MNLF chair Nur Misuari (through his wife), jumpstarted the stalled talks. But it was Alejandro Melchor who put all these players together.

Melchor understood that religion would play a key role in arriving at a final peace accord. This was a quantum leap in his thinking, judging from his 1975

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ANDAMING NAPINSALA NI JUAN!

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Storm 'Juan' leaves 6 dead

By Martin P. Marfil

AT LEAST six persons died while one was reported missing after tropical depression "Juan" dumped heavy rains that once again triggered floods and landslides in low-lying areas, including Metro Manila.

Three of the casualties were buried alive in a landslide that crushed several houses in Barangay Sto. Cristo, San Pablo City. The three others drowned in different places in Metro Manila.

All the incidents occurred yesterday.

The National Disaster Coordinating Council identified the San Pablo victims as Emeterio Miral, 33; his live-in partner Teresita Magdulot, 44; and Jamaica Miral, 2 years old. Their remains were brought to Funeraria Guevarra in Barangay Sto. Cristo for autopsy.

"They were advised by disaster officials to vacate their house but they refused," Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes said on television.

Those who drowned were Benjamin Pacis, 45, of Grace Park, Caloocan, where floodwaters had risen by several feet; Rey Asulya, 41, of Dagat-Dagatan, also in Caloocan; and Apolinario Nery, 72, of Las Piñas City.

Reported missing was John Mark Garfin, 22, of Parañaque.

Survivors of the landslide in San Pablo were taken to a refugee center in nearby Barangay Concepcion. Among them were Lucilyn A. Coronado, 20, and Domingo Francisco, 55, the Emirals' next-door neighbors.

In Manila, around 1,200 families, most of them from the city's congressional districts I and II, were moved to safer ground, said Armand Sebastian, city hall spokesperson. These included 29 families evacuated from the Parola compound in Tondo, when the tide rose during the downpour yesterday morning. Another 400 families in Sampaloc were brought to the Geronimo and Tecson Elementary Schools.

The rains and floodwaters stalled hundreds of vehicles and left numerous roads in Metro Manila, Bulacan, Pampanga and Cavite impassable to light vehicles, the NDCC also reported.

Worst-hit were the San Fernando-Gapan road, San Fernando-Lagundi road, Manila-North road, and the Candaba-San Miguel road, which were declared "hardly passable" or "not passable" at all.

The Western Police District tactical operations center confirmed that 21 roads in Manila went underwater, and that seven were impassable to light vehicles.

At 4:45 p.m. yesterday, "Juan" was tracked over Dagupan City. It was expected to cross Lingayen Gulf last night. It is forecast to be 200 km west of Laoag City by this afternoon.

Storm Signal No. 1 is still in effect over Cavite, Rizal, Metro Manila, Bulacan, Pampanga, Bataan, Zambales, Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, Pangasinan, Benguet, Western Nueva Vizcaya, La Union and Ilocos Sur.

These areas will have rains and winds of not more than 45 km tonight. Coastal waters will be moderate to rough.

Weeklong monsoon rainstorms just two weeks ago left 61 people dead, 41 injured, and five missing.

The Philippines is hit by an average of 20 typhoons a year, in addition to monsoon rainstorms that are strongest from July to August. ***With reports by Gerald Lacuarta, Philip C. Tubeza, Romulo O. Ponte of PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, AFP, AP and Reuters***

A 'CALESA' traverses the flooded Espana Boulevard in Manila. DENNIS SABANGAN

Wanted priest here 'before the typhoons'

By Yolanda Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LABRADOR, Pangasinan—The Filipino priest wanted for rape in Florida was here "before the typhoons," but may have gone back to the United States last week, according to relatives.

The older sister of Rev. Polienato Bernabe told the INQUIRER that her brother "just checked on us" two weeks ago, then left the following day.

Between sobs, 76-year-old Maxima Cristobal, a widow, denied that her brother was hiding.

Bernabe has been charged with capital sexual battery for sexually abusing an 8-year-old girl in Gulport, Florida while he was assigned there in the 1970s and 1980s.

His accuser, Melissa Price, is now a 31-year-old mother. She claimed the priest started molesting her in late 1978.

Cristobal said she was "very hurt" by the "scandal." She recalled that her brother had brought Price to the Philippines "when she was a teenager, perhaps 14 or younger." She said Bernabe and the girl stayed in Pangasinan for a few days.

"I did not observe anything amiss," Cristobal insisted. "She was just a playful girl and they talked in English. When I asked my brother why she was with him, he said she wanted to visit the country."

BERNABE

It was not the only time her brother brought home friends from the US, Cristobal added. Once, she said, Bernabe came home with an American woman named Elizabeth and her twin daughters.

Cristobal said a sister in Manila told her that Bernabe had gone back to the United States.

"All he said to me was that he was going to visit (a certain) Father Solomon in Camp Aguinaldo," Cristobal said.

Bishop Jesus Cabrera of the diocese of Alaminos City had asked Bernabe to stay with him, Cristobal said, "but my brother said he would rather stay with Father Solomon."

Bernabe's relatives doubted that he committed the crime he was being accused of. Besides, they asked, why had Price filed the complaint only now?

"She took more than 20 years," they pointed out. "Is it because he is retired now and has money?"

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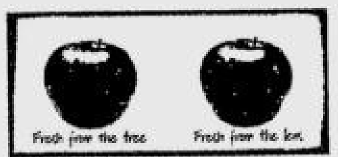

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Pacer nabs driver of kidnap victim

By Martin P. Marfil

THE DRIVER of a kidnap victim and two of his colleagues are now in the custody of the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (Pacer), the anti-kidnap task force headed by PNP chief Deputy Director General Hermogenes Ebdane.

Tagged as suspects, the three—Florante Concepcion, 31, former driver of kidnap victim Mary Grace Cheng Rosagas; Joven Mercado, 48; and Leo Vigildo, 430—were presented to President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday.

Pacer said they were members of the Villaver kidnap-for-ransom gang which operated under the Fajardo group, one of the top two on the Philippine National Police target list. They were nabbed in separate manhunt operations.

With their arrest and the killing of three other Villaver gang members in an encounter in Marilao, Bulacan, yesterday, the PNP special task force said it had "effectively neutralized" the Fajardo group.

Pacer was positive that the Villaver gang was behind the abduction of Mary Grace Cheng-Rosagas, daughter of businessman Robert Cheng, owner of Uratex owner; and Connie Yap Wong, Cheng's sister-in-law.

Rosagas was kidnapped on June 18, 2001 at the University of the Philippines Diliman campus, and released the next day after paying ransom.

Wong was abducted on Oct. 1, 2001, and later killed by the gang. Her body was recovered in Valenzuela City on Oct. 3.

Concepcion, who had acted as the gang's "tipster" in the Rosagas case, surrendered to Pacer together with Joven Mercado early this month. The two said they had received death threats from the Fajardo group.

Apparently, Concepcion had led government operatives to the gang members who were killed in the alleged shootout on Saturday.

The shootout resulted in the deaths of Lito Mercado, brother of Joven, one identified only as "Alvin," and a driver who was unidentified.

A "sub-group leader," Roland Villaver, was arrested on Dec. 22.

According to Pacer, Concepcion has been charged for the Rosagas kidnapping, and his companions Mercado and Vigildo for the kidnap-slay of Wong.

Citing President Macapagal's iron-fist policy against kidnappers, PNP Chief Ebdane said all 21 kidnap-for-ransom gangs on their target list were now "feeling the heat."

Ramos on 10-day tour of US

SAN FRANCISCO—Former President Fidel Ramos embarked Friday on a 10-day US trip to help bolster Manila's long-term partnerships with US businesses.

Ramos, president of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998 and who fought alongside US forces in the Korean War, is calling his trip an "investments and veterans' mission."

Ramos' first stop was the San Francisco area where the 74-year-old former leader visited the Californian headquarters of Sybase Corp., one of the world's largest independent software companies.

He was also expected to meet top executives from Yahoo and Samsung.

Ramos was then scheduled to head to the Californian capital of Sacramento for meetings with representatives of the expatriate Filipino community and a meeting with Californian Gov. Gray Davis *AFP*

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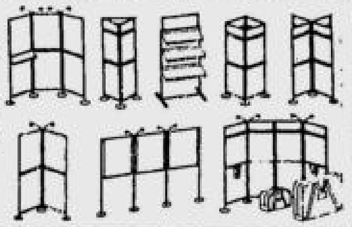

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US ship docks in Basilan; GIs going home

ZAMBOANGA CITY—American warship USS Fort McHenry docked yesterday near the island of Basilan to transport US military engineers that participated in counter-terrorism operations against the Abu Sayyaf rebels.

Maj. Richard Sater, spokesperson for the US contingent, said the ship will be anchored off Basilan for several days until the US Seabees engineers complete loading of equipment.

About 340 US military engineers and a Marine support group built roads, repaired an airstrip, a wharf and bridges to make the jungle-clad island more accessible to US Special Forces that trained and assisted Filipino troops against the Abu Sayyaf gunmen.

"Loading of the equipment is expected to take several days. A Landing Craft Unit or LCU will be used to ferry equipment," Sater said.

"The construction projects have been completed, and the Task Group is heading home."

The joint exercises are to officially end on July 31, but Manila and Washington have agreed to sustain counter-terrorism operations. A second batch of US forces is expected to land in the South in October, officials said.

Manila and Washington claim the Abu Sayyaf has links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network, blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks on the US.

The group held a US Christian missionary couple and a Filipina nurse for over a year until a bloody rescue attempt in June in which Gracia Burnham was recovered. Her husband Martin and the Filipina, Ediborah Yap, perished.

The government has said the Abu Sayyaf force has been degraded, although several rebel leaders are still at large and are said to be regrouping. *AFP*

Fight for jails chief far from over; suit filed

By Agnes E. Donato

THE FIGHT for the top post at the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) is far from over despite a Quezon City court's decision on Wednesday junking Senior Supt. Josue Engaño's presidential appointment as BJMP director.

Engaño claimed yesterday that his rival, BJMP officer-in-charge Arturo Alit, faces demotions in rank, from chief superintendent to superintendent, because he allegedly used a fake accreditation from the Philippine Public Safety College (PSSC) for his promotion.

Engaño filed the complaint before the Civil Service Commission (CSC) on Thursday.

But in a phone interview, Interior and Local Government Secretary Joey Lina said the complaint could be a "rehashed" issue against Alit.

Lina said that Engaño had already filed a similar complaint against Alit before the Ombudsman.

"I have yet to see it. Engaño may have new evidence," Lina told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

The INQUIRER tried but failed to reach Alit for comment last night.

In a statement, Engaño cited an investigation by the BJMP Probe Committee on Anomalous Promotions which allegedly showed that Alit was among some 50 officers whose names did not appear on the master list of BJMP officers who were not granted the required Officers Senior Executive Course (OSEC) accreditation by the PPSC.

Engaño claimed that Alit misled the CSC, DILG and the BJMP when he claimed that he had OSEC accreditation in his application in 1997 for a promotion from superintendent to senior superintendent.

He added that Alit had used the same accreditation when he sought the CSC approval of his promotion to the rank of chief superintendent in 1999.

Aside from asking the CSC to demote Alit by two ranks, Engaño also said that Alit should be ordered to reimburse the government all the salaries, allowances and other incentives he had received as senior superintendent and later as chief superintendent.

Both Alit and Engaño are claiming legal grounds to head the BJMP.

Alit, the bureau's former officer-in-charge, has questioned Engaño's qualifications to be appointed as BJMP director, saying that he did not have the rank of a chief superintendent.

Last Wednesday, Judge Ofelia Marquez of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court reaffirmed a decision issued by retired Judge Modesto Juanson last October nullifying Engaño's appointment.

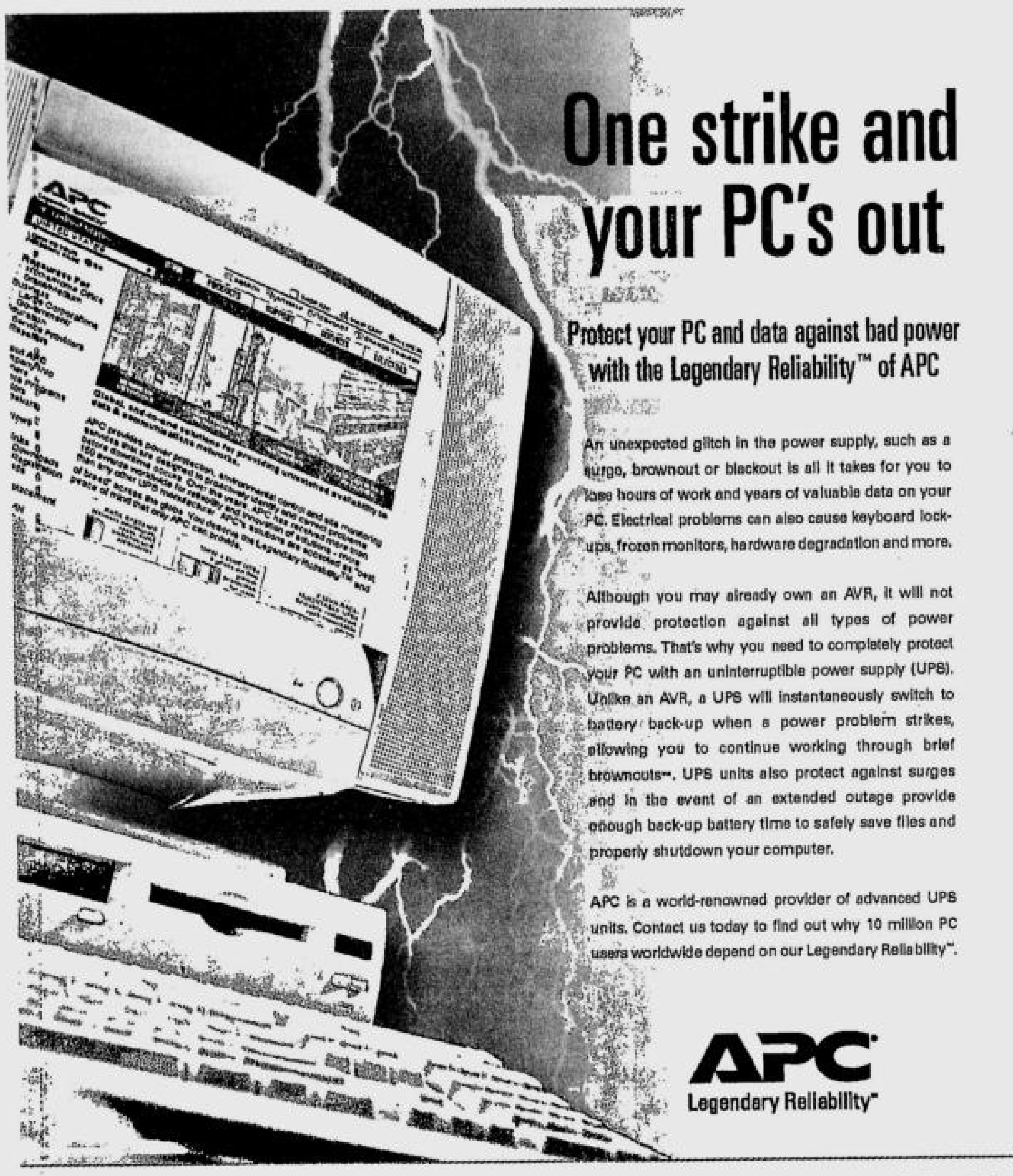
Marquez said that Engaño had failed to present strong grounds for the court to reverse Juanson's decision ordering Lina to take over the bureau while the matter is being resolved.

Zubiri, 81

PABLO Z. Zubiri of Marikina City died on Friday, July 19, of cardiac arrest. He was 81.

He is survived by his sons, Rolando and Arturo.

His body lies at the Funeraria Paz on Araneta Avenue in Quezon City. Interment will be at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24.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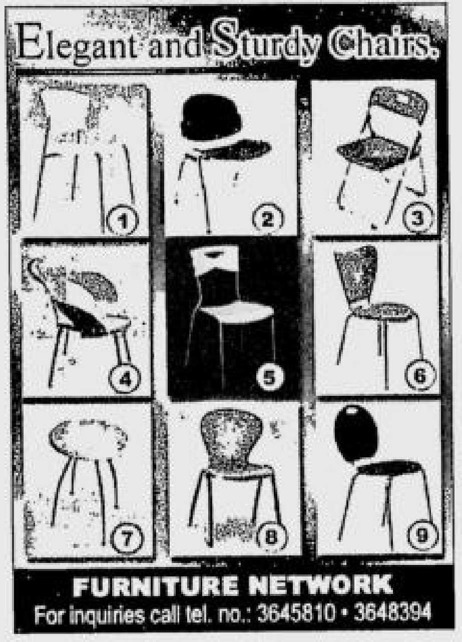
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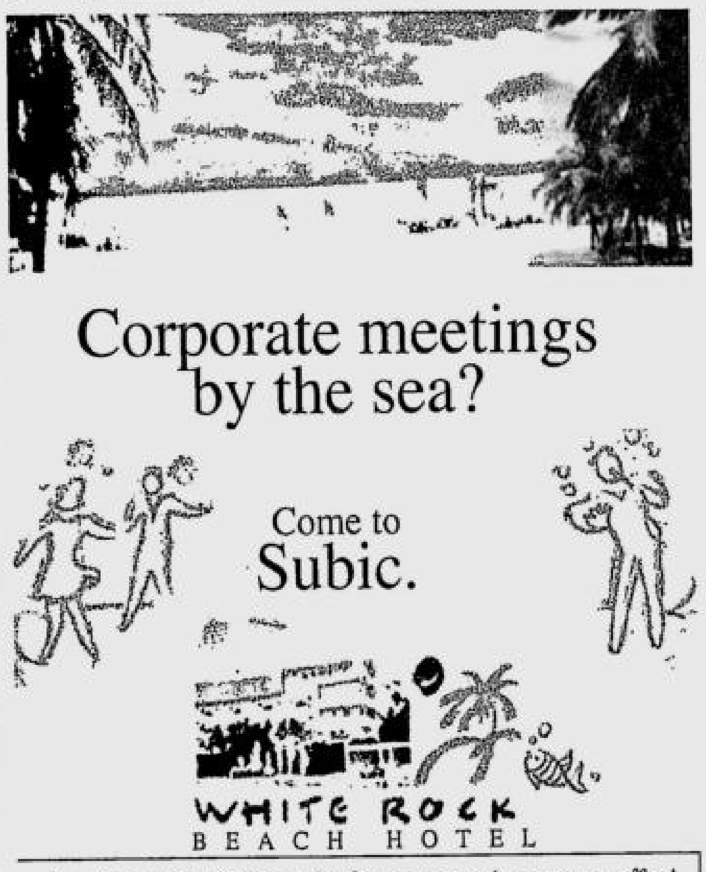
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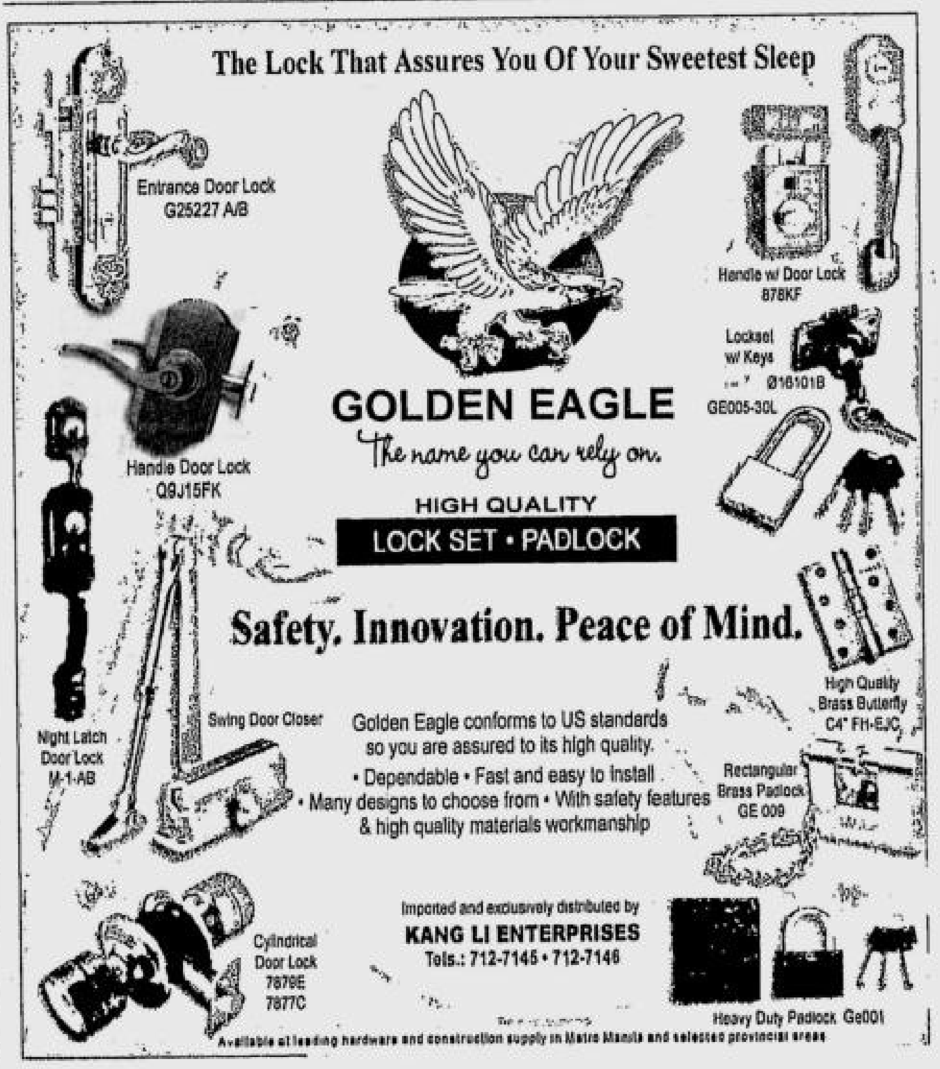
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GMA allies welcome Jaworski into their fold

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in the Senate and other related circumstances have created the impression of disunity and paralysis in the affairs of the State."

He emphasized that he was "put into public office for one reason: to be of service to the people."

"I have decided to accede to the call of the people and hear their reconciliatory cries for the betterment of the country," he said.

Batter's plate

The former basketball superstar used a metaphor from another sport to explain his decision.

"Looking beyond friendships and partisan politics, it is time for me to step up to the batter's plate and swing one for the people," Jaworski said.

He concluded: "I therefore reiterate my allegiance to the people by declaring my support to the administration, its constructive legislative thrusts and the leadership of Senate President Franklin M. Drilon."

Drilon did not wait to take a swing of his own.

"Now that the deadlock is broken in our favor, I wish to assure our people that we are now ready to buckle down to work and address the serious problems of our country," he said.

He called on members of the opposition "to join hands with the majority bloc in pushing (for) a common legislative agenda."

"I appeal to them to set our partisan differences aside for the common good," he said.

Pangilinan also called on other opposition members to follow Jaworski so that "we may work together in order to support the administration's reform agenda."

With the Senate leadership reverting to the administration, the majority is expected to nullify the laws passed and other rules implemented by the opposition under the leadership of Senators Edgardo Angara and Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

Not solid

Jaworski's defection debunked claims made by Angara on Saturday, during a workshop conducted by the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino at the Clark Special Economic Zone, that the opposition was "solid as a rock."

Earlier yesterday, Sen. Joker Arroyo twitted Angara for his "solid as a rock" remark. Instead, Arroyo said, the Senate opposition is in a "state of panic."

"The Senate opposition is now panicking. It has given away distress signals," Arroyo said in a statement.

He cited the case of lawyer Demaree Raval, whom the opposition named Senate secretary last month.

"Raval (has been) issuing circulars and memoranda which Senate employees largely ignore," Arroyo said. He noted that Raval "pitifully holds office not in the Office of the Senate Secretary, but in the printing office on the third floor."

"Other times, he nestles himself in the research office or holes himself up in the office of Senator Angara whom he works for," Arroyo said.

Drilon pointed out that "there was nothing wrong in courting minority senators to the administration as the opposition also tried but failed to woo majority members to their side."

"As titular head of the ruling coalition, it is the duty and responsibility of President Macapagal-Arroyo to ensure the group's cohesiveness, survival and expansion," he added.

In Malacañang, the new press secretary said the administration "definitely" welcomed defections from the opposition bloc in the Senate.

"I think it would be to the interest of the administration if a clear majority is actually obtained," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said.

Aside from Jaworski, three other senators—Blas Ople, Vicente Sotto III and Rodolfo Biazon—are also said to be jumping ship.

But no fireworks are expected today when Congress convenes this morning in preparation for its joint session in the afternoon for the President's State of the Nation Address (Sona).

An administration senator, who asked not to be named, said Drilon will simply convene the Senate at 10 a.m. and immediately adjourn its session.

"There won't be any voting to determine which is the real majority bloc," the senator said yesterday, before news of Jaworski's defection circulated. "The fireworks could start Tuesday or anytime this week." *With reports from Carlito Pablo and Christine Avendaño*

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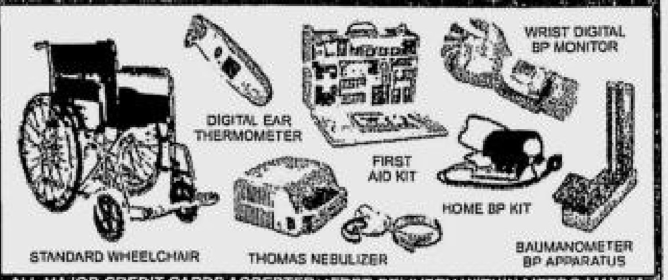

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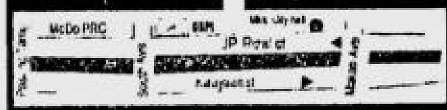

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Greenpeace 'storms' Sual plant; 5 held

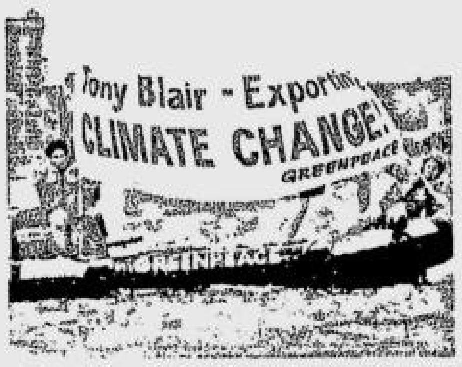
SUAL, Pangasinan—Five Greenpeace activists protesting the delivery of coal to the country's largest coal-fired power plant were arrested here yesterday and briefly detained.

The five—three Filipinos, an American and a Canadian—were part of a group of some 30 activists who approached the wharf by boat and climbed a crane to hang a streamer that read "Clean Energy Now," surprising guards, said Redentor Constantino of Greenpeace.

Policemen and guards went up and forced down the five, who were then taken to a police station and released after questioning, Constantino said. Police chief inspector Nolesio Sison said they had been released without being charged.

Constantino and other activists said they wanted to disrupt the unloading of the coal from China but found out there was no work yesterday at the wharf.

Constantino said the protest action was meant to send a message to the government to stop constructing more coal-fired plants.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GREENPEACE campaigners on a rubber boat unfurl banner during protest at the coal-fired plant in Sual, Pangasinan. AP

"Such plants emit toxic chemicals such as mercury, and produce carbon dioxide," he said.

Anita Blair of Greenpeace United Kingdom assailed her government for bringing what she said was an obsolete technology to developing countries like the Philippines.

"There has not been any new coal-fired power station built in the UK since 1972. If coal is not good enough at home, why is (Prime Minister) Tony Blair and the UK government dumping this dirty technology in developing nations? It is scandalous for the UK to push coal in Asia," she said.

The power plant here is owned by a subsidiary of US-based energy firm Mirant and was constructed by the French-firm Alstom.

Warning shot

The five activists who boarded the cargo ship Master Nicos were released two hours after they were arrested.

When some volunteers were about to paint "No to Coal" on the side of the ship, a Mirant Philippines security guard fired a warning shot, prompting them to withdraw.

"Five of our members were arrested. The action aims to promote clean energy and Sual is one of the five most problematic power stations in the country," Constantino said.

"Coal is one of the most greenhouse intensive fuels—it is dirty, expensive and damages our climate. That's why we want investment in renewable energy like solar, wind and modern biomass power for the Philippines," added Athena Ballesteros, Greenpeace campaigns director for Southeast Asia.

The Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise is in the country for the first leg of a Southeast Asian clean energy campaign. It will stay in the country for two weeks, before heading to Thailand.

Another ship, the Rainbow Warrior, is also simultaneously undertaking a similar campaign in the North Sea targeting nuclear and fossil fuel energy.

The campaign is to end in August, in time for the Earth Summit scheduled in Johannesburg. *Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, with reports from AP, AFP*

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Braganza: DAR not 'worst performer'

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

AGRARIAN Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza yesterday said it was inaccurate and unfair for civil society groups to brand his department as the "worst performer" under the Macapagal administration.

He said the Department of Agrarian Reform had met its land distribution target set by the President in her first Sona.

"We have distributed 104,261 hectares of agricultural lands, exceeding the 100,000-hectare target set by the President in her State of the Nation Address last year. And the civil society call that poor performance?" Braganza said.

He said the DAR met its target six months ahead of schedule, as noted by the House Oversight Committee that reviewed the Sona accomplishments of the executive department.

The House Oversight Committee, chaired by Rep. Jose Sarte Salceda, has commended DAR for overshooting the Sona target "in spite of the usual problems the department faced in the form of budgetary and bureaucratic constraints."

Despite the commendation from Congress, however, Code-NGO, an alliance of non-government organizations, maintained that it was in agrarian reform that the Macapagal administration performed the worst.

The civil society groups claimed that DAR posted the lowest land acquisition and distribution accomplishment since 1988 and the lowest distribution of private agricultural lands since 1992.

The NGOs noted that the only bright spot in agrarian reform was the resolution of 89.3 percent of cases related to CARP implementation.

"Not only is this accusation inaccurate, it is also unfair," said Braganza.

He said the NGOs made an "over simplistic comparison of absolute figures" when they compared the accomplishment in CARP implementation of the Macapagal administration with those of the previous presidents.

He explained that the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program was not mere land distribution, but the overall management of conflicts "which may not be quantifiable."

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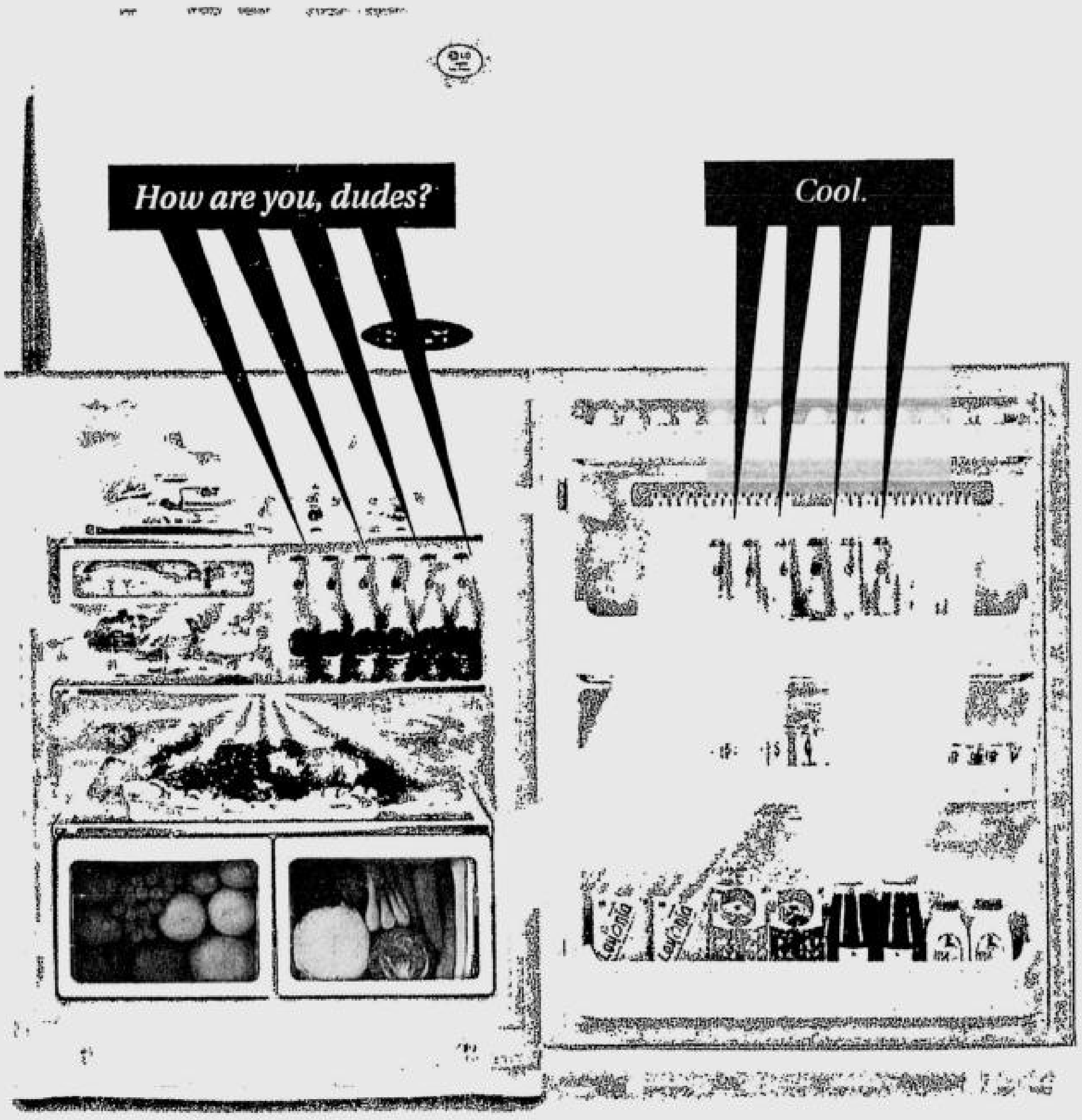

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Breaking Senate stalemate is key to GMA's success

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In this afternoon's Sona ceremony, one cannot expect a bruising showdown that will shift the balance of power in favor of the administration. The contending camps sitting on a 12-12 knife's edge will allow the President to deliver her speech without an embarrassing incident and postpone a headcount for another day.

The shadow of gloom cast by the deadlock is a pity because the President has accomplished most of her 32 goals—excluding law and order and the reduction of electricity prices—outlined in the first Sona.

The quantification of the Sona goals is a Macapagal initiative which no other Filipino president had done. It translates into action the notion of accountability and transparency. The second Sona will not miss reminding us what the administration has accomplished.

Whether or not we accept her inventory of results, there is at least a document to pin her down and a basis to challenge her claims on the basis of evidence.

The President also addresses the nation against the backdrop of a successful military campaign against the Abu Sayyaf—which she had pledged to "neutralize." The regaining of the military initiative in the Abu Sayyaf campaign is a vindication of her foreign policy that aligned the country firmly behind the US-led war on international terror.

But the capacity of her presidency to consolidate these gains and to provide a strong government is hostage to the political paralysis represented by the Senate stalemate. Any new legislative agenda cannot move unless the administration wins a decisive majority in the Senate.

Anything less will suck the government into a spiral of power struggles that can only frighten foreign investment and in a more fatal way expose a weak political leadership.

Weak leadership

A weak leadership is an invitation to the breakup of control of her own coalition. It can also make a mockery of her tough campaign against the kidnap for ransom gangs.

In the building of a strong republic, the President can bark orders to Deputy Director General Hermogenes Ebdane, head of the Philippine National Police, to send criminal gangs to jail within a year. She gave similar orders last year, and the results were disappointing.

If the President is seen as weak, unable even to break the impasse in the Senate, the gangs will mock her. Even the PNP cannot respect a weak president, it will only humor her.

Political experience in this country shows the President can make tough statements to crush corruption or criminal gangs, but the orders do not translate into action. They are dissipated down the maze of a ponderous bureaucracy.

Look at the revenue collection. We have one of the poorest revenue collection shortfalls in recent years, aggravating the fiscal deficits.

All the pious words about "transformation" and senior-level reorganization of the BIR undertaken by Commissioner Rene Bañez have resulted in neither a more honest BIR nor higher collections.

On corruption, a key Macapagal theme on governance, the President has taken a high moral ground and has set the tone. But, according to recent World Bank reports on corruption, it has become so embedded in the political and bureaucratic culture that it has been impervious to catechism from the President.

The new theme of building a strong state is all talk and a pipe dream if the President cannot demonstrate that she can establish control of the political process.

Gridlocks

Gridlocks and power struggles in the legislature are not a novelty in the post-war history of Philippine democracy. Most Presidents, including Ms Macapagal's father (Diosdado Macapagal), faced deadlocks which they overcame in the traditional way—using the powers and influence of the presidency to induce defections from the legislative majority.

All previous Presidents used their resources with success. This President is so inept she is still struggling to shift the balance of power in the Senate.

With all the resources and power of the presidency, any President who can't raid the opposition ranks and convert them into "patriots," according to Philippine standards, is squandering the powers of that office.

It should be a galling insult for President Macapagal if the opposition wins coverts from the administration camp to consolidate their Senate coup, given the fact that the opposition has no resources to offer as rewards.

I am aware that she is using these weapons to lure two or three opposition senators to join the administration bloc. Opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara raises a phony issue in denouncing the President for undermining the independence of the Senate by raiding the opposition camp.

Previous Presidents had induced defections to win a working majority in Congress. Independence is not the issue—political control is.

In the context of Philippine political tradition, shifting coalitions, with the President actively working for shifts, is a pragmatic solution to deadlocks.

Real issue

But in President Macapagal's attempt to break the Senate stalemate, the real issue is the price she will have to pay for the defections.

She has tried to steal Sen. Blas Ople from the opposition by offering him the foreign affairs portfolio in exchange for a single vote that would tilt the balance of power.

In this quid pro quo attempt, Ople is more shrewd. He wants to vote for the "new majority" in the Senate, after which he joins the Macapagal Cabinet.

The price she will have to pay in this deal is that she may be wasting presidential resources on Ople. He does not get her vote in a showdown but with Ople in the Cabinet, she is not sure whether she gets a good foreign secretary or a pompous heavy baggage.

Besides, if Senators Robert Jaworski and Tito Sotto defect, there is no need to take Ople.

The President's concern over keeping control of the Senate is understandable. At stake is her agenda for the next two years.

But the larger issue is whether the compromises she makes will enhance her capacity to forge a national consensus, build a strong state and win reelection. If she absorbs worthless baggage into her government because of reckless expenditure of her resources and poor judgment, then the purpose of building a strong, effective state is not served.

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A WAKE-UP CALL

The surveys say it all - more Filipinos are leaving our shores as a result of the growing disenchantment with our brand of democracy.

We are now at a crucial point in our history as 16 years of martial law and 16 years of democracy have not improved the lives of the majority of Filipinos.

If our political leaders do NOT live up to the people's expectations, the growing helplessness will invariably lead to discontent and to an increase in poverty.

STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Looking ahead, we recognize the positive performance of the Administration in the last twelve months. In particular, we note:

1. To solve in one year the peace and order problem with the appointment of General Hermogenes Ebdane, the breaking of the backbone of the Abu Sayyaf and the ability to turn the tide of public opinion in favor of the Balikatan.
2. The perennial problem of garbage, traffic and dirt in Metro Manila will see a fresh approach with the timely appointment of Bayani Fernando as Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman, given his track record as mayor of Marikina City.
3. Involving the business community to reach out to the poor and marginalized sectors of society by creating jobs and preserving employment.
4. The decision to reduce the Purchased Power Adjustment (PPA) cost and to renegotiate onerous IPP (Independent Power Producers) contracts to make the Philippines competitive in its energy pricing.
5. The decision of the President to be the principal architect of our foreign policy and economic diplomacy, as well as her leadership in the ASEAN to forge a regional alliance in combating terrorism in all its forms.
6. The attainment by the President of most of the targets and promises in the first SONA.

This is a good start. Our leaders can certainly do more.

A CALL FOR ACTION

As Congress opens on July 22, we appeal to our political leaders to live up to the expectations of our people. We plead to them to concentrate on vital pieces of legislation that will create jobs, improve the living standards, and make business and industry globally competitive. Congress must buckle up to work now and set aside petty politics and self-serving agenda.

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The big picture

EDITORIAL

ANOTHER year of health, and of sufficiently abundant harvests has passed. For these, and especially for the improved condition of our national affairs, our renewed, and profoundest gratitude to God is due." At the height of the American Civil War, Abraham Lincoln began his State of the Union address in positive fashion. He did not shirk his duty of detailing the consequences of the "unhappy contest" between North and South. But he was right to frame his remarks of December 1863 from a higher perspective.

Lincoln's example is instructive, for two reasons. Our own State of the Nation tradition is based on American constitutional experience. And a palpable sense of despair hangs over the nation; it is the heavy sword, not of civil war, but of uncivil politics.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will read her second State of the Nation Address today. Much of it won't come as a surprise, because she has spent the last month discussing parts of it with different journalists. But whether in the end she will actually say what the country needs to hear depends in large part on three factors: an appropriate beginning, a crucial middle and a resolute end.

She must begin by acknowledging the somber public mood. The alarming rise in the number of Filipinos wishing to live overseas is one standard against which to measure the truth of her remarks. It will not do her any good to split statistical hairs on the issue, or to engage media in a debate over the scope of coverage. The indisputable fact is, more Filipinos at any other time since public polling began say they would like to emigrate, because they find the country "hopeless."

This is the true background of today's Sona: growing public unease over the country's direction, and growing public disenchantment with the promises and processes of democracy. Without explicit acknowledgement of this disturbing reality, the President's remarks will free-float in a vacuum or, worse, inhabit an artificial, irrelevant world.

She must also learn to paint in bold strokes, to draw the big picture. By all accounts, Ms Macapagal is a micromanager. This is a welcome change from the management style of deposed President Joseph Estrada, which may be generously described as hands-off. But the country needs more from Ms Macapagal than numbers and performance ratings. (She will certainly have to do better than she did last month, when she claimed that 2001 was one of the best years in agrarian reform; a quick check with official records showed that her claim was an egregious mistake, if not an outright lie.)

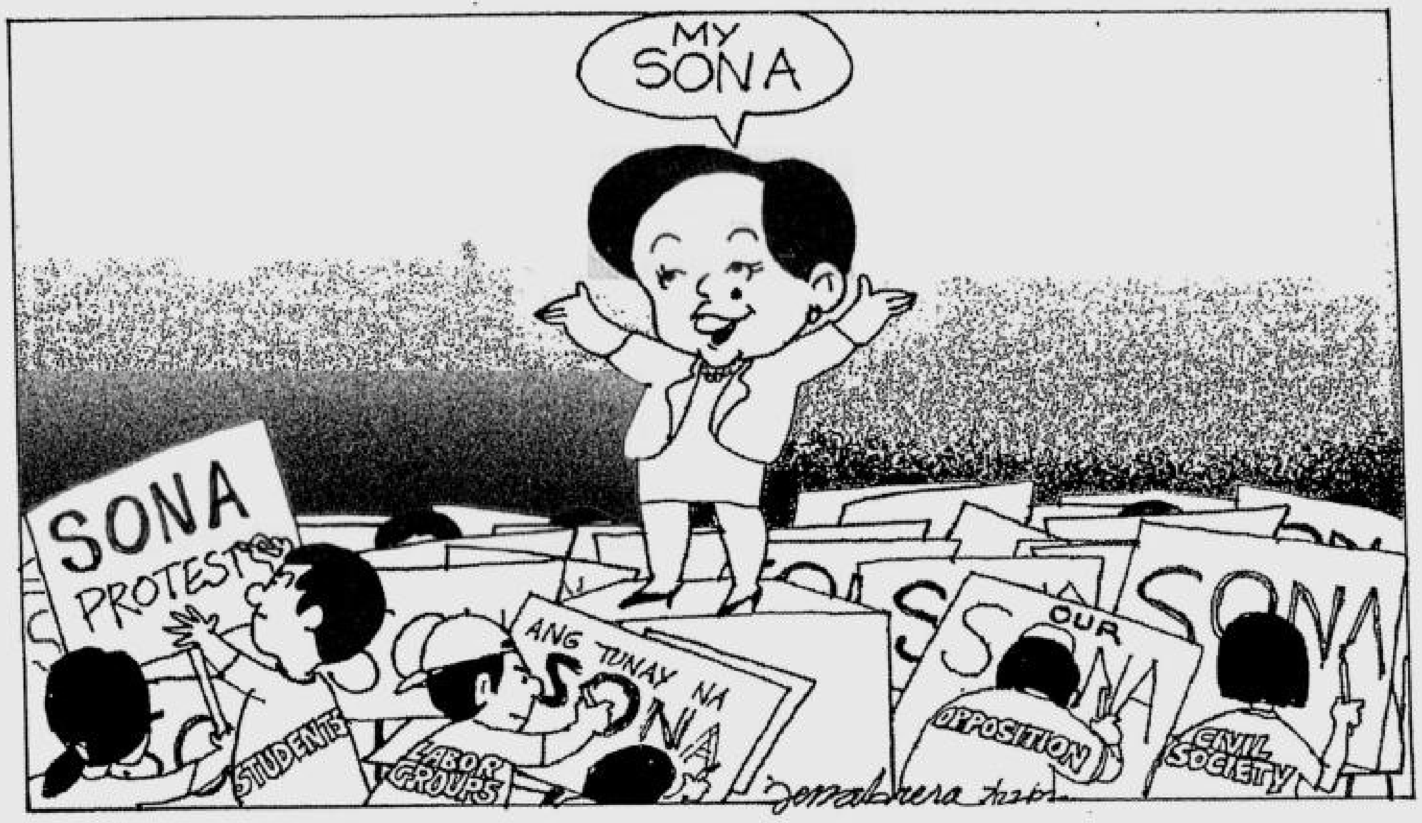
To be sure, committing the presidency to quantifiable work objectives and then allowing the public to monitor the chief executive's progress through the Internet is an impressive initiative, as INQUIRER columnist Solita Monsod wrote over the weekend. But they are not enough.

The President must appeal to the better angels of our nature. She must engage the passions of the great majority of Filipinos, by actively challenging our easy assumptions about what it means to be a citizen, by actively recruiting each of us in the war on poverty and corruption.

Her advisers may have forgotten, but it is possible for her to appeal to our sense of nationhood, without confusing President with nation. Throw out the cheesy slogans, the GMA Cares billboards that clutter our public works projects. We will not go so far as to say she should renounce any further political ambition; this will make her a lame duck two years before the next election, and can only make our politics even more uncivil. But she should strip her Sona of any statement that may be construed as electioneering.

Lastly, she must end resolutely, forcefully, by issuing a challenge to the opposition.

It is a risky next step, because she will open herself, again, to charges of politicking. But she must make an honest woman, as it were, of the opposition, the politicians who assert blithely that raiding the administration ranks is good for democracy, but raiding the opposition is bad for the Senate. She must state the bald fact that the public's sense of despair runs deep partly because the opposition does not offer any real alternative. The condition of the opposition is itself part of the state of the nation.



Gov't sending women to prostitution abroad

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

I HOPE President Macapagal-Arroyo will say something in today's State of the Nation Address about the plight of our young women being sent abroad. They are called OPAs (overseas performing artists), singers and dancers, but most of them end up as prostitutes. Why or how come? Because they are not qualified to be performing artists, and so are forced to do what their employers tell them to do to be able to pay back the huge debts they owe to the recruiters and training centers back home.

Ironically, the most to blame for this sorry state of affairs is the government agency set up specifically to stop this activity: the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda).

Tesda supervises the training centers and testing venues to measure the OPAs we send abroad—mostly to Japan—are qualified as singers and dancers so that they would not be exploited and abused. The recruiters send agents to the poor areas of the province to entice pretty, young girls—some as young as 17 or younger—and their parents with promises of decent, well-paying jobs abroad. These agents leave thousands of pesos as "advance payment" or "loans" which the poor parents find hard to resist.

The recruits are then sent to the training center supposedly to gain or hone their skills in singing and dancing—for a considerable fee. If they do not have the money for the training, including board and lodging, and costumes for the production numbers, their expenses are paid by the training centers which the recruits must pay back from their salaries once they are working abroad.

Many training centers, however, do not do what they must, and it becomes obvious once their recruits get to the testing venues. These testing venues were set up precisely to test if the recruits are sufficiently skilled to be deployed abroad. Testing officers—who are paid on the basis of the number of recruits they test—are appointed to watch and listen to them sing and dance and grade them according to their skills. Once they pass this test, the head of Tesda signs the endorsements for the grant of the Artist Record Book (ARB) to the applicants. This is the "passport" that will allow them to leave the country as entertainers. A few days before Undersecretary Lucita Lazo was sacked as head of Tesda, she signed about 5,000 such endorsements. Her replacement, former Quezon City Rep. Dante Liban, boasted that he had already signed 1,500 ARBs after only a few days in office. He announced that he would be signing at least 21,000 ARBs by the time of the President's Sona.

Liban probably thought he would reap praises for sending so many Filipinas to jobs abroad. What he doesn't realize is that he would be sending many of them to prostitution and abuse in other countries. For many of these applicants are unskilled, not qualified to be singers and dancers but nevertheless get passing marks of 75 percent due to "prior arrangements" between the testing officers and the recruiters. Japanese recruiters will pay a lot of money for a beautiful applicant to pass the qualifying test, even if unskilled. You know how she will end up once she gets to a nightclub in Japan patronized by flesh-hungry Japanese.

There are also many cases where a good entertainer appears in the testing venue and gets a good grade. However, this would not be the same person who is registered in the application form and eventually endorsed in the ARB. She is a double. There are many skilled entertainers like that making the rounds of the testing venues to double for unqualified applicants. They are paid a generous fee for each assignment.

The performances of the applicants are videotaped for later review. You can tell if the performer is a double. The shots are always at a distance, rarely any close-ups of the face, so that it would be hard to compare the videotape with the photograph in the application form. Testing officers sometimes get wise.

"I've seen this applicant somewhere before," he would tell himself. "Her face looks familiar." But the recruiter will "convince" him that the performer is actually the applicant in the application form. The syndicate takes the trouble of matching the double's physical appearance and facial features to the applicant.

Why do the testing venues do this? Because there are thousands of testing venues accredited with Tesda scattered throughout the country. Most of them are holes-in-the-wall with one or two video cameras. They are paid for each applicant tested. Most applicants are sent to the "cooperative" testing venues.

Being "cooperative" can mean a lot of money. Training centers usually send at least 70 applicants per testing venue. Each applicant pays a minimum of P800, not including other "payments" to ensure a passing mark. Multiply the figures with five days a week, four weeks a month, and the income would persuade any operator of a testing venue to be "cooperative." These "payments" would be paid by the foreign clients who have spotted certain desirable, if unqualified, applicants to certain training centers which are also recruiters; and promotion outfits, testing venues and/or testing officers and Tesda insiders who accept and process papers, even if these are spurious. These amounts are all deducted from the salary of the entertainer.

I've written this piece in the hope that President Macapagal will see it and realize how her administration is sending her fellow Filipinas to rack and ruin overseas, through the negligence, connivance and corruption of the very government agencies set up precisely to stop the irregularity. And hope that she does something about it.

'Bangkang papel'

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

CORAZON Aquino says she feels sorry for Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. She's been there herself. During her time, too, she says, it was as if she could do nothing right. But all that will pass. People will be kinder to Ms Macapagal once she's out of power.

Well, there's a difference. The reason the public felt kind to Cory after she was out of power was that she relinquished it voluntarily. She could have run for president again, circumventing the constitutional ban on a second term on various grounds. And probably won, her appeal as the Philippine Joan of Arc being still there, despite the havoc her rela-thieves wreaked on the nation. But she decided not to. That was her saving grace. It restored some of the luster she lost by bungling a historic opportunity to turn the country around.

The public will not find it just as easy to be kinder to someone who did nothing to deserve to come to power but did everything to try to stop losing it.

Quite apart from this, I remember again what Peggy Duff said in a review of David Halberstam's book, "The Best and the Brightest." That book told of the people around presidents JFK and Lyndon B. Johnson who got the US embroiled in the Vietnam War. They were the best and brightest, the most brilliant minds money could buy. And they bungled it. The book told, in the mold of classic Greek tragedy, how these people rose to heights of hubris and hurtled inevitably to their doom.

That is all very fine, said Duff, except that the real tragedy did not befall these fine gentlemen who spent many a dark night wrestling with their nameless fears. It befell the wretched Vietnamese who spent many a day weeping for their countless dead.

Good point. Cory feels sorry for Gloria for what she's going through. I myself feel sorry for the nation for what it's going through.

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Rod Strunk's lawyers say there's something fishy about the authorities' sudden announcement they've solved Nida Blanca's murder. It happened just in time for the Sona, whose theme will be the administration's apparent successes in fighting crime. They've got a point. The cops have nothing new, only Philip Medel's recycled testimony. And all sorts of revelations, corroborated by one Tito Sotto, who I vaguely remember is a senator, that Strunk was a shabu addict. Maybe he was. But all that proves is that Strunk was a skunk, not a killer.

But whatever the motive for the publicizing of the apparent solving of that case, fate has stepped in to spoil the best laid plots of mice and presidents. A day after that, two stories appeared on our pages to dispel the thought the just can now sleep the sleep of the just. On our front page was the story of Sonny Parsons battling it out with robbers who had slipped into his house at the crack of dawn and hogtied him and his family. After his maid untied him, he ran after the robbers and shot it out with them, killing two of them.

The public of course has every reason to latch on to the action-movie kind of bravado Parsons showed. But the other side of the coin is that robbers are still able to invade homes in light of day and rob their occupants. Quite apart from doing other things to them: our office having been the victim of the same thing several years ago—who knows? Maybe it was the same group, same MO (crack-of-dawn timing, hogtieing, looking for arms)—I can understand what drove Parsons to his heroics afterward. Which he himself says was not heroics at all but pure rage.

Not so happy an ending befell Steven Davis, a Briton, whom three people shot dead in his apartment that same day The killers may or may not have been robbers. They did not harm Davis' roommate, a fellow Brit named Dunn, but shot Davis while he slept. The motives may be different, but the ease with which criminals enter houses to rob or kill people is alarming. And don't look now, but murderers no longer adopt a hands-off policy toward foreigners—or to foreign officials, as the Koreans themselves learned a month ago. That is the only thing that's become democratic in this country, equal-opportunity murderers.

The cat is away, campaigning, the mice will stay, kidnapping.

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If the papers are right, the President's Sona today will be full of talk about how she met the targets she set out in her previous one. Well, I recall that she set a precedent last year by taking time to talk about someone she said would exemplify her drive toward excellence. That someone was Rene Bañez, her newly appointed BIR chief. From obscurity, Bañez was catapulted to national fame as the one individual that got special mention in a presidential address about the state of the nation.

Well, every April of the year, since anyone can remember, BIR collections have zoomed up because that's when citizens pay their taxes. Every year, since anyone can remember, collections have shown an increase from the previous year. This year, for the first time since anyone can remember, collections have gone down, from P53.591 billion last year to P43.866 billion.

Wonder who the President will mention this time.

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I always said that metaphor about *bangkang papel* would come back to haunt. Erap says that's what's happened to the government now. It's become a paper boat drifting away aimlessly. Well, he has his reasons for saying so. Though if that is so, what was the government like during his time? Feel free to supply your metaphors.

I myself see things differently. One year after the President's first Sona, the nation has become a *bangkang papel* with a message of distress addressed to no one in particular. It is adrift in a flood caused by an unexpectedly fierce and unrelenting storm.

One the weathermen called Gloria.

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The Sona scorecard

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

AS usual, the President's State of the Nation Address this afternoon will try to project the administration's balance sheet—its achievements versus goals set last year, even those that it had failed to achieve; it is also expected to set down new goals and targets for the new fiscal year. From advance information in the media as released by the Palace and the Cabinet, GMA's Sona will zero in on major problems such as peace and order, the high cost of power and utilities and graft and corruption—all of which have a direct bearing on the flow of foreign investments here. It has been repeatedly said, the latest by US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone, that among the drawbacks to foreign investments here are corruption, including in the judiciary, and bureaucratic red tape.

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Sonas are always occasions for projecting the administration's achievements versus its failings, and during the recent briefing attended by Cabinet secretaries, a question cropped up as to why the favorable-rating the government was giving itself did not seem to match those being rendered by the public. The impression was that the government was giving itself much higher marks than what the people were wont to do. The answer of Interior Secretary Joey Lina was that there was a failure in communications and that "We need to communicate better." I agree with Lina on this aspect, and in fact in dialogues with him, I have told him that many things are being done by the government in various departments, but these weren't being brought out in the media, largely because of the failure of the government's information machinery. This is especially true in radio, which remains the most powerful medium in the country: the critics continue to have a field day in radio attacking the administration, whereas its response is oftentimes puny and ineffective; at best the response is reactive; how much more ineffective it is in projecting its accomplishments.

The entry of a new press secretary in the person of former Rep. Ignacio Bunye augurs well for the administration; Bunye, a three-term representative and former Ayala executive, is competent and hardworking, and hopefully he can project the administration's accomplishments more effectively. Projection vastly helps to stabilize the government because it gives the opposition less issues to carp about.

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The administration coalition and the opposition in the Senate have agreed to avert all political fireworks in this morning's opening of session by just limiting the activities to the invocation prayer and the calling of the roll call, after which Senate President Franklin Drilon quickly closes the session. The problems arising from the recent stalemate of many weeks will be tackled starting tomorrow, although new developments over realignments could render those problems moot and academic sooner than expected. As this column was being written yesterday morning, reports buzzed about the imminent turnabout of Sen. Robert Jaworski and his alliance with the administration coalition over the weekend. Reports are abuzz that the contentious issues between him and the legislative coalition have been ironed out already, and the few remaining points of disagreement between him and the executive branch could hopefully be hammered out soon.

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If Jaworski's defection is to take place soon, then the equation in the chamber would change to 13-11 in favor of the coalition and by Tuesday morning the situation in the Senate should settle down to quiet and normalcy. This is as it should be, for the senators' paramount consideration should be the stability of the chamber and the national interest. The Senate has lost so much in esteem in the eyes of the people in the past weeks following the coup. Jaworski's cooperation would certainly help to stabilize things, so that the legislative work in the chamber could move at a faster pace. Jaworski's patriotism is being tested and one hopes he will meet the challenge.

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A group of us media women met with Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño recently and our common question was, why would you like to be ombudsman when it is such a tough and dangerous job? Zuño is said to be one of two leading candidates for the job that Aniano Desierto is vacating by Aug. 4. Zuño, 57, is said to be backed up by his fellow Batangueño, Justice Secretary Hernando Perez, as well as by Desierto himself.

Good question. A career prosecution official for 29 years and in the chief prosecutor's job for the past six years, he merely smiled and said, "I want to do the job and give it my all." Despite the fact that he has prosecuted many celebrated cases, such as the rape charges against Mayor Sanchez and ex-Rep. Romeo Jalosjos, and holds sway over 1,800 prosecutors across the country, few people know much about the amiable, bemustached chief prosecutor as he has been exceptionally low-profile. But perhaps people would welcome a low-profile successor to the high-profile and controversial Desierto for a change.

Born in Rosario, Batangas and married to a lady doctor connected with a government hospital in their province, Zuño, a law graduate of the University of the East, class '67, says that if he should have the good fortune to get appointed ombudsman, he would like to see the cases in that office move faster, and prod the Sandiganbayan to do likewise. That powerful special prosecution office created by the 1987 Constitution is guaranteed by it with a fixed tenure of seven years, so that it could push the prosecution of government officials to the limits. Zuño's advantage is his simple lifestyle—as prosecutor he rented a room in the Pope Pius XII Center for six years.

Local monitoring teams

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Carlos Isagani T. Zarate

PEACEKEEPERS. *"Akala ko* monitoring *lang ang trabaho namin, mabigat pala. Kasali pala pati ang pag-aayos kahit na gulo sa* barangay," commented a Moro participant in the 2nd Joint Local Monitoring Team Capability-Building Workshop held in Davao City last July 16-18. More than 30 participants coming from 13 different conflict-affected areas of Mindanao attended the training.

The creation of the local monitoring teams or LMTs was provided in the Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of the June 22, 2001 Tripoli Agreement on Peace signed by the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

While the primary task of the LMTs is to monitor at the grass-roots level compliance of the ceasefire agreement by both the government and the MILF, the training workshop also provided participants an in-depth view and knowledge of the roots of conflict in Mindanao, the concept of human rights and international humanitarian laws and the current status of the peace process. Each LMT is composed of one representative from the LGU designated by the government, one representative from the MILF local political committee, two NGO representatives and a member of the religious sector.

Training facilitator Arcille Ballesteros-Raagas told participants that their roles and functions go beyond mere fact-finding and monitoring, as they have to in fact step in to preempt "little conflicts" that may lead to a full-blown war. "I have a personal stake to prevent a possible conflict because my experience taught me that sooner or later we will be affected and drawn by any conflict that may erupt," commented Bob, a bakery owner.

The formation of the LMTs is an encouraging sign that the peace process, at least with the MILF, is proceeding. This, despite the brouhaha raised by "hawks," both outside and inside the government especially the defense department, over the agreement signed by the government and the MILF in Malaysia last May 7, 2002 on the humanitarian, rehabilitation and development aspect of the peace process.

Diosita Andot, executive director of the GRP Peace Panel Secretariat, says that the creation of the LMTs is one of the "best things" that has happened to the negotiations. "It represents an effort of the two panels not only to involve a greater number of people from the grass roots in the peace process but also to further open to the public what has always been in the past a 'secretive' activity," she adds.

For good reason. It is the people's lives that peace negotiators talk about, and the people are the biggest stakeholders of a process that will directly affect their future.

President Macapagal-Arroyo will surely cite this as among the achievements of her administration during her Sona today. Although it is still doubtful whether the government's target of forging a final peace agreement at the end of the year is attainable, considering that the two panels have yet to sit down and discuss the more substantial issues like the question of ancestral domain, disposition of forces and other political and economic issues.

"Sana nga tuloy-tuloy na itong peace process *para matahimik na tayo dito sa* Mindanao," a lady executive from a Lanao del Sur town said. As a local government official, *"para akong bibingkang naiipit sa gitna ng apoy"* during the height of Estrada's all-out-war against the MILF. *"Pagod na ang mga tao sa giyera."*

MILITANTS NOT REBELS: The "witch-hunting" of militant leaders by the military in Southern Mindanao is on an upswing. Apparently stung by criticism over its human rights record, the Army's 73rd IB in Davao City instead vented its ire on three militant leaders in Davao City by filing charges of rebellion against Alvin Luque, vice president for Mindanao of party-list Bayan Muna; Joel Virador, secretary general of Bayan; and peasant leader Boy Goc-ong. The military claims the three are among the leaders of the NPA in Davao City and Southern Mindanao. The filing of rebellion charges against the three militant leaders came amid accusations of "massacre" of civilians in the hinterland district of Marilog, Davao City perpetrated by elements of the 73rd IB and Cafgu. The Commission on Human Rights dismissed the charges filed against the soldiers because of the "affidavits of desistance" executed by survivors. The three charged leaders, however, said they will pursue the cases against the soldiers and the Cafgu since one of those killed was a peasant leader affiliated with Bayan.

KING'S GOOD SERVANT, BUT, GOD'S FIRST: On July 29, the "mischief" started by nine *"barkadas"* of the Ateneo de Davao Law School will turn 35. Naming their group in honor of the universal patron saint of lawyers, the Fraternal Order of St. Thomas More (Tau Mu fraternity and Sigma Tau Mu sorority) now counts more than a thousand members—law students, lawyers, members of the academe, businessmen and women, government officials, bankers and civil leaders, among others. Several bar topnotchers have also been produced by the Tau Mu whose membership consists of Christians, Moros and Lumads.

Residents of both the fraternity and sorority invite the members of the alumni for a reunion, acceptance of new members and reaffirmation of the Order's Four Codes of Actions.

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PPA the bitter fruit, BNPP the rotten root

COMMENTARY

Dean Jorge Bocobo

LIKE the shell of a hermit crab, long abandoned by the hermit, the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant, sits, as though waiting for an explanation, or to give one. Perhaps it is waiting to know its raison d'être, the reason for its own existence. In exchange, it could tell us why our electric bills are so shockingly high.

Many generations still unborn, will wonder too, since its 621-megawatt light-water nuclear reactor, has never produced even a single kilowatt of electricity. Yet its $2.1 billion cost, is reportedly the single largest piece of the sovereign national debt. This is money the Filipino people are still being robbed of today, and will be for generations yet to come, via automatic appropriation.

It is the great-great-grandmother of all PPAs, the rotten root and its bitter fruit. It is an unavoidable tax, levied equally on the living and on the unborn Filipino, since the government will pay between $200,000 and $300,000 *every day* or up to P450,000,000 *every month* until the year 2017, for even less electricity than is in a penlight battery. It was mothballed shortly after it was completed in 1986. That was after it was "discovered" to be sitting on an unstable geological fault line, making earthquake damage an unacceptable risk at its present site, which by the way, is in the shadow of Natib, sister of Pinatubo.

It is a dragon, with a belly built for uranium fire, perfectly preserved in suspended animation, like a bug in amber, just south of the lobster and turtle sanctuary in scenic Morong, Bataan. With no fuel, but said to be operational, it is a nuclear avatar of the evil that lives on after the dictator and his cronies that built and profited from it.

For the record, Westinghouse Corp., whom Marcos chose as contractor for the Napocor's first nuclear energy project in the '70s, later admitted in a US court to bribing the former strongman through his golfing partner, Herminio Disini. With a coterie of ever-willing Swiss bankers and Filipino lawyers, Marcos, his cronies and Westinghouse are said to have set up a complex series of companies and corrupt relationships in order to funnel between $17 and $100 million dollars to Marcos, in 1976, while skirting US and Philippine laws to set up the ill-begotten deal.

Later, the Aquino administration sued Westinghouse for redress, after it came to light that the world's No. 1 nuclear reactor manufacturer, had sold virtually the same model nuclear reactors to other countries for a quarter to half of what Marcos signed up for. In the words of the Napocor chief who had opposed the Westinghouse deal in 1975, "Marcos has purchased one reactor for the price of two."

But Westinghouse was able to convince a hometown New Jersey jury that it was not guilty under the US Foreign Corrupt Business Practices Act, which in the '70s still hypocritically condoned certain corrupt practices, a.k.a. bribery and kickbacks, outside the United States, if you could prove they were the normal business practice there. I can just hear the summation of the slick Westinghouse lawyer. "According to the plaintiff's own Edsa People Power Revolution, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the Marcos regime was entirely a corrupt business practice, which is what my client has claimed all along as the reason for the admitted payments to the President and his cronies. The defense rests." Case closed.

At that moment, our fate was sealed. The infamous power outages, the brownouts of the late '80s and early '90s, and the expensive solution they were given, became unavoidable or inevitable, given our taste for the quick fix. The Filipino people ended up with a huge debt from the World Bank, which some say we are obligated to pay, but don't deserve to, by the light of a greater justice.

But the present scourge of the PPAs in our monthly electric bills, cannot be fully understood or solved without beholding the nuclear fossil that lives in Morong and learning the lessons it mutely holds. At the very least, we must learn to stand up for our rights and fight for them when righteousness demands, not retreat, as the Aquino administration did in the case of Westinghouse.

The original Edsa People Power Revolution generated a tidal wave of goodwill and admiration for the Filipino people in those days. Why could not such an onerous debt as the one that built our nuclear power plant have been negotiated away, forgiven and forgotten? An opportunity to lighten the burden of the Filipino people was squandered and lost.

It was such a rotten deal! To this day the stench stinks to high heaven. President Macapagal-Arroyo can find no better solution to the PPA mess than to free us from a debt, so venally born in corruption and so unfairly foisted on the unborn.

Borrowing more money is what I suspect, she and a recaptured Philippine Senate are going to do in order to defuse the popularity-puncturing issue of high electricity rates. This will surely make the problem worse in the long run, like sweeping burning embers under the proverbial rug. But with no other choice, the least we can do, is revisit some of the components of the sovereign debt. Our friends, the Americans, will surely agree some were created in the cauldron of corruption they have recently decried through the American ambassador, and with the collusion of some of their citizens and corporations.

The President should not underestimate what goodwill can do between nations. Nor should she be coy about pressing the advantage where our national interests clearly demand concessions from the Americans.

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Questions about photo labels

PICTURES speak a thousand words. This is the principl that guides journalists in deciding what photos to use in their newspaper.

Screaming headlines excluded, dramatic photos have proven to be effective in catching the readers' attention. Pictures are real life dramas caught on film. The impression they leave on the readers can go deeper than written words.

READERS' ADVOCATE

Raul J. Palabrica

Two front-page photos in the July 12 issue of the INQUIRER elicited sharp comments from reader Love Chavez. She prefaced her letter with the words "I've been reading your paper for a long time now, way before it became as successful as it seems to be right now. I have noticed a serious change (deterioration even) lately, in the way you report and publish the news."

Whew, what a way to start a letter. It immediately engendered a feeling in me that the rest of her letter will not be flattering to the newspaper. She did not disappoint me.

She asked, "Since when have you taken on the task of interpreting the news that you're merely supposed to report? And I'm not talking about the editorials or opinion section, obviously."

As if arguing her case before a jury, the reader said "Case No. 1: today's headline photo showed GMA walking with her military officers and beneath the photo, a brief caption with the words 'which means a virtual search-and-destroy operation.'

"Where did that come from? Was that a quotation? If so, where was the proper punctuation? You've been doing this very same thing for so long now, frankly I've become rather disappointed.

"Would you agree with me if I say (debate style, huh?) that written and provocative words on a newspaper can and may incite people to rebellion? At the very least, that it can and may influence people to believe and react in a way that is not to our national interest?"

Military style

By way of backgrounder, the photo in question shows President Macapagal-Arroyo walking with the heads of the Philippine National Police and Armed Forces of the Philippines trailing behind her.

The caption reads: "Pursue kidnappers, military style, the President orders PNP chief Hermogenes Ebdane and AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Roy Cimatu at the anti-kidnapping workshop at Camp Crame on Thursday. Which means a virtual search-and-destroy operation."

The editor in chief took President Macapagal's instruction to the PNP and AFP in its strict sense, that is, the police and soldiers should seek out the kidnappers and put an end to their activities. In military parlance, that means search the enemy and destroy him so he cannot do further harm.

Considering that the editor in chief was an "army brat (her father was a high-ranking military official), that kind of interpretation did not surprise me. The phrase "virtual search-and-destroy operation" mirrors her background and past experience.

It is clear then that, in answer to the reader's question, the phrase in dispute is not a quote from someone, but her reading of the President's marching orders to the men in uniform to get their act together to put an end, once and for all, to the activities of kidnap syndicates in the country.

Termites

Now, let's go to the other portion of the reader's letter. For her case No. 2, she wrote: "...there was a photo of Boy Saycon with some friends, celebrating his birthday. Please tell me, in all honesty, did you really have to insert the word 'termites' in the caption? Wouldn't you consider that rather provocative, or at the most, intriguing?

"People wonder why our situation is in an uncontrollable decline, with the careless way words are being used by people who are in a very enviable position of helping rebuild our country. Is all the chaos resulting from your skillful manipulation of news worth the profit?

"For the sake of nation building, please try to cease with the 'inflammatory' style of reporting. Just some unsolicited advice from a loyal reader, if the news is good, why not wax poetic over it? But if the news is bad, why not just report it as it is?"

To put things in the proper perspective, here's the exact wording of the photo caption: The birthday party of Copa secretary general Pastor "Boy" Saycon held at his Ayala Alabang residence is infested by "termites" but a good time was had by all, including Boy Montelibano, Patricia Sison and Billy Esposo."

The editor in chief said she used the word "termites" to give the caption a touch of humor. It was not meant to provoke or incite hostile feelings for Saycon and company, but to subtly tell the readers not to take the things that were happening in a serious mode.

She further stated that the INQUIRER reports the events as they happen and it would be unfair for the readers to impute something sinister into the reporting if they do not like its presentation.

Evaluation

With regard to the use of the phrase "search-and-destroy operation," I think the reader has reason to feel disappointed about the choice of words. That military jargon is hardly applicable to a subject matter that is basically civilian in nature.

The editor in chief cannot be faulted for drawing from her past experience or background in using that phrase. But, how many of the readers are similarly situated? Whatever "military exposure" most of our people have is limited to either watching war movies or reading stories about military activities.

This is not meant to put our men and women in uniform in a bad light, but "military-coated" words have an uncanny way of inviting hostile or adverse reaction from the civilians. The ghosts of military abuses during the martial law years continue to haunt our society.

A less chilling or provocative phrase, or words that civilians feel comfortable with, could have been used to describe the instructions given by the President to the police and military in the fight against kidnapping.

Going to the "termites" issue, I do not see anything wrong with the editor in chief using that word in the photo caption. It is public knowledge that that was the word used by the President to describe, although in an indirect way, the Copa members who berated her for supposedly "sleeping with the enemy."

The word was used to inject some humor in the photo caption to somehow ease whatever tension the political sniping between the erstwhile allies may have caused. I think describing that word as provocative or intriguing is overstating things a bit.

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LETTERS PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Are schools being turned into fortresses and garrisons?

ONE issue that has grown alarming and has worsened over the years is the creeping covert and direct repression in our schools. More school owners and administrations are instituting measures in our campuses whose latent aim is to suppress dissenting behavior and opinion among our ranks.

Bodies and bags of students are frisked and searched heavily before they can step into school grounds. On Taft and the University Belt areas, security personnel are seen everywhere inside the campuses better armed than Malacañang guards. Not since martial law have we seen schools hiring armed security personnel. Our universities are quickly being turned into fortresses and garrisons because of an exaggerated and misplaced fear of school owners for their own safety.

An incoming college freshman has to sign a waiver issued by the school administration that he/she will not join any organization that is espousing a critical posture against school policies and programs. Responsible student council officers in the University of the East who led a campaign against tuition hikes are being dismissed without due process. Campus publications are being closed down for publishing articles against school authorities. One school in Manila has banned all student organizations of any type, whether academic, religious or socio-civic, saying that the duty of a student is to study only.

Gone are the days when schools provide a semblance of belongingness, family love and care. Now they are no different from a penal institution whose distrust for its inmates is similar to the paranoia of school owners.

We need not go further to look for the inspiration of school owners in executing such Marcosian policies. We can only look at how President Macapagal-Arroyo pampers her toy soldiers in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, while legitimate protests of the people are being violently dispersed in the streets.

We are constantly reminded that we are the generation that read and heard only about martial rule but never had the unfortunate chance to experience its horrors. They are wrong. The way schools operate today and their despotic manner of treating us are revealing proof that yes, we are living the hell of martial rule in this supposed modern age of democracy where people's rights are secured and tyranny abhorred.

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What can a new graduate expect?

I AM afraid of staying in the Philippines after graduation. I have only one and a half years of college to finish and the prospects that face me here are dim. Instead of looking forward to my graduation, I find myself in a state of apprehension.

It seems that my education in one of the best schools in the country is no guarantee that I will find decent employment after college. I see myself continuing to live off my parents' generosity because of the scarcity of good paying jobs.

These days, it seems a college degree won't get you very far. A friend graduated cum laude from UP Diliman with a degree in economics last March but she has yet to land a decent job.

I used to look forward to getting a good job after graduation but that just doesn't seem possible. I am afraid my hard-earned college degree, despite coming from a top learning institution, will get me nothing but a low-paying, dead-end job.

When I set out to school every day, I am faced with horrendous traffic jams, reckless drivers, absent law enforcers, not to mention a smoggy view of the mess that is the South Superhighway. For all the declarations in the newspapers about environmental preservation, I see filthy roads and incorrigible smoke belchers. Nothing tells me that I won't be passing through this same routine once I graduate from college.

I live in a village where the security is superb, the garbage is regularly collected, the streets are swept clean and the canals are fumigated. An ambulance and a fire truck are available when needed. My parents tell me these are made available for something like P12,000 a year.

Once I get out of the village, the picture changes. I am unable to understand why such services cannot be made available to others. Where do our taxes go?

I am looking for a reason to stay. Perhaps family ties, friends, but what else? Are they worth it?

Kennedy once said people should ask what they can do for his country. I find this pointless, since everybody seems to have given up on that. I see nothing but useless, corrupt, pork barrel-oriented government officials who have absolutely no unity of purpose.

I am constantly bothered with how my countrymen can accept the fact that Joseph and Jinggoy Estrada are getting special treatment, when nothing sets them apart from those criminals in decrepit jail cells shown every day on "TV Patrol." What happened to the principle of equality before the law?

No, sir, I cannot live in a place where lawmakers have become lawless, profit-oriented position grabbers. Those who are tasked to run and fix things are the very first ones who make use of their power for personal profit. This reality is inconsistent with what we are being taught in school. I am confused.

I have almost resigned myself to thinking that the situation is hopeless. Our President tells all her pessimistic critics that we should look at the glass as half-full. Okay, I'll be an optimist. The glass is almost a quarter full.

—GABI ESPALDON, 225 Makiling St., Ayala
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No left turn isn't the answer

THIS is in reaction to the new no-left-turn-on-Edsa rule being implemented by the Metro Manila Development Authority under its new chair, Bayani Fernando.

While I appreciate some of the measures being pursued by Fernando to improve traffic flow on Metro Manila roads, I beg to differ with this new rule for the following reasons:

1. While the rule may, in some way, help ease traffic at certain intersections, it will only transfer the problem to narrow streets that are usually poorly maintained and clogged with obstructions where tricycles, pedicabs and even jeepneys operate.

2. Most of the major intersections on Edsa with traffic lights also have left-turn channels and left-turn arrow signals. These will confuse the motorists, especially if there are no published notices and appropriate directional signs for them to follow.

The traffic problem at most intersections on Edsa stems usually from traffic lights that are not functioning due to poor maintenance or the lack of it. If the signals are operational in some areas, the signal cycles are not updated to conform with the volume of vehicular traffic passing at that particular intersection. The situation is worsened when traffic enforcers direct traffic manually, resulting in unbalanced and long drawn-out cycles.

I honestly believe that the solution to the traffic problem on Edsa is not the no-left-turn rule. Why not revive the yellow bus lane and enforce it strictly? What has the MMDA done about a previous statement made by then MMDA Chair Ben Abalos that there are at least 400 buses plying the Edsa route that are illegal or do not have the proper permits from the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board? I believe there will be no need for the no-left-turn rule if all colorum and out-of-line buses are removed from Edsa and buses stick to the yellow lane.

Why penalize motorists by making them take longer drives on narrow roads that are just as congested and badly maintained, when a proper management of the bus operations on Edsa can tremendously reduce the traffic problem, especially now that the MRT is in full operation?

—T.S. ATIENZA, 8401 Hemlock St., Marcelo
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Advice for critics

THE SPECTACLE of people who criticize the present government and its policies while still part of the same government reminds one of what that renowned American philosopher, author, editor and lecturer, Elbert Hubbard, wrote about loyalty. That piece which has been quoted and reproduced thousands of times in books, magazines and periodicals (also often framed and displayed in offices) was part of an article he wrote where he cited two examples of people who criticized their superiors and the institutions where they belonged. One of them was Gen. Joseph Hooker who openly criticized his superior, Abraham Lincoln; the other a Yale student who spewed bitter criticism against the school and its president.

In his article "Get Out or Get In Line," Hubbard has no kind words for Hooker and the Yale student. In no uncertain terms, he lectured them about the virtue of loyalty ("If you work for a man, in heaven's name work for him...speak well of him, stand by him and stand by the institution he represents"). He admonished those of similar persuasion ("If you must vilify, condemn and eternally disparage, why, resign your position and, when you are on the outside, damn to your heart's content"). He warned those who condemn the person or institution they represent ("With the first high wind that comes along you will be uprooted and blown away in the blizzard's track—and probably you will never know why").

To my fellow workers in the government, I have this little bit of advice: It is your duty and obligation as part of this administration to abide by its policies and programs. If you disagree, or feel that you cannot perform an assigned task or even want to talk against it, then the decent thing to do is to resign, and then you can condemn and criticize. There should be one guiding motto for people in the government: "Love it or leave it."

—COL. RICARDO B. MACALA (ret.), director,
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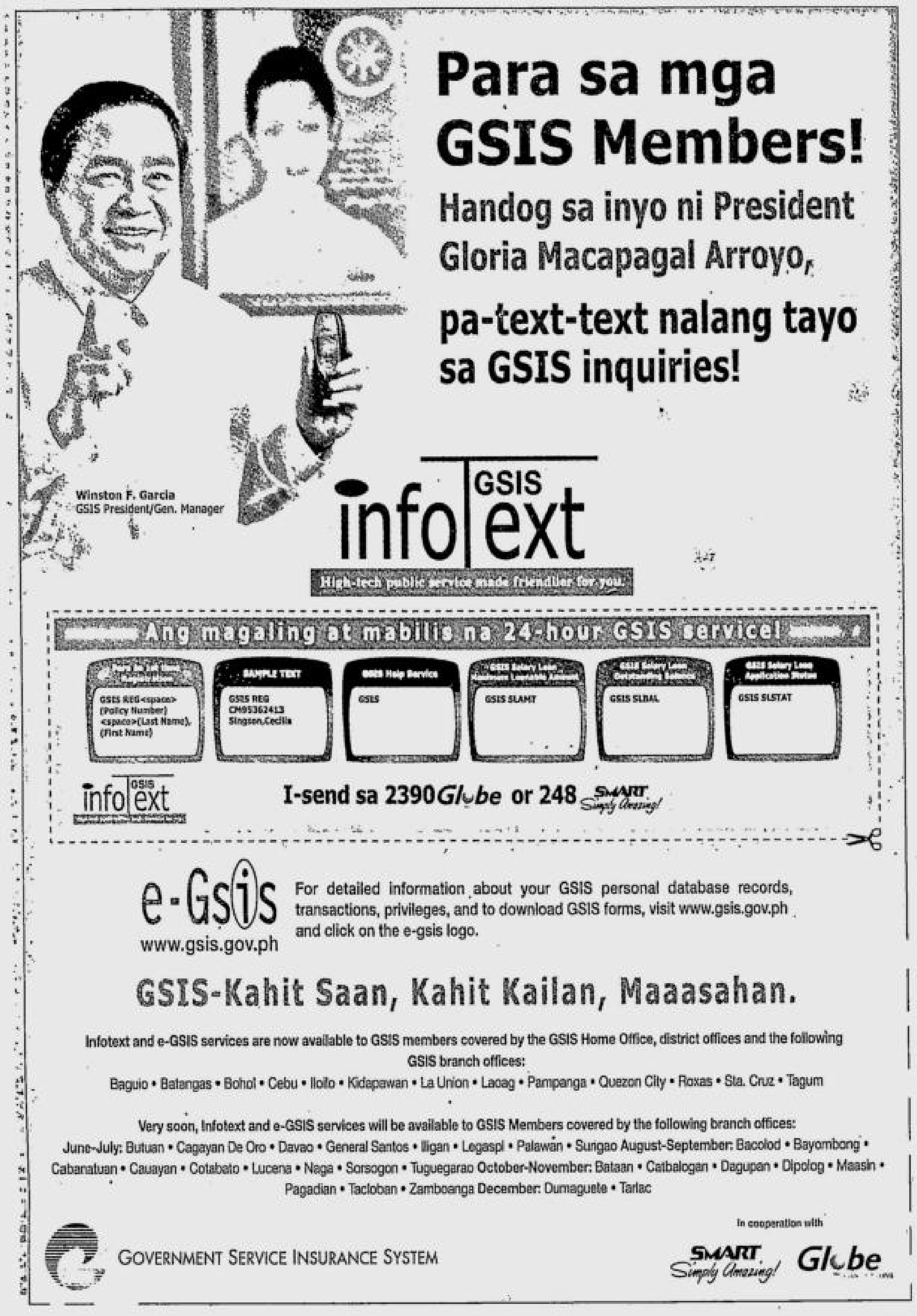

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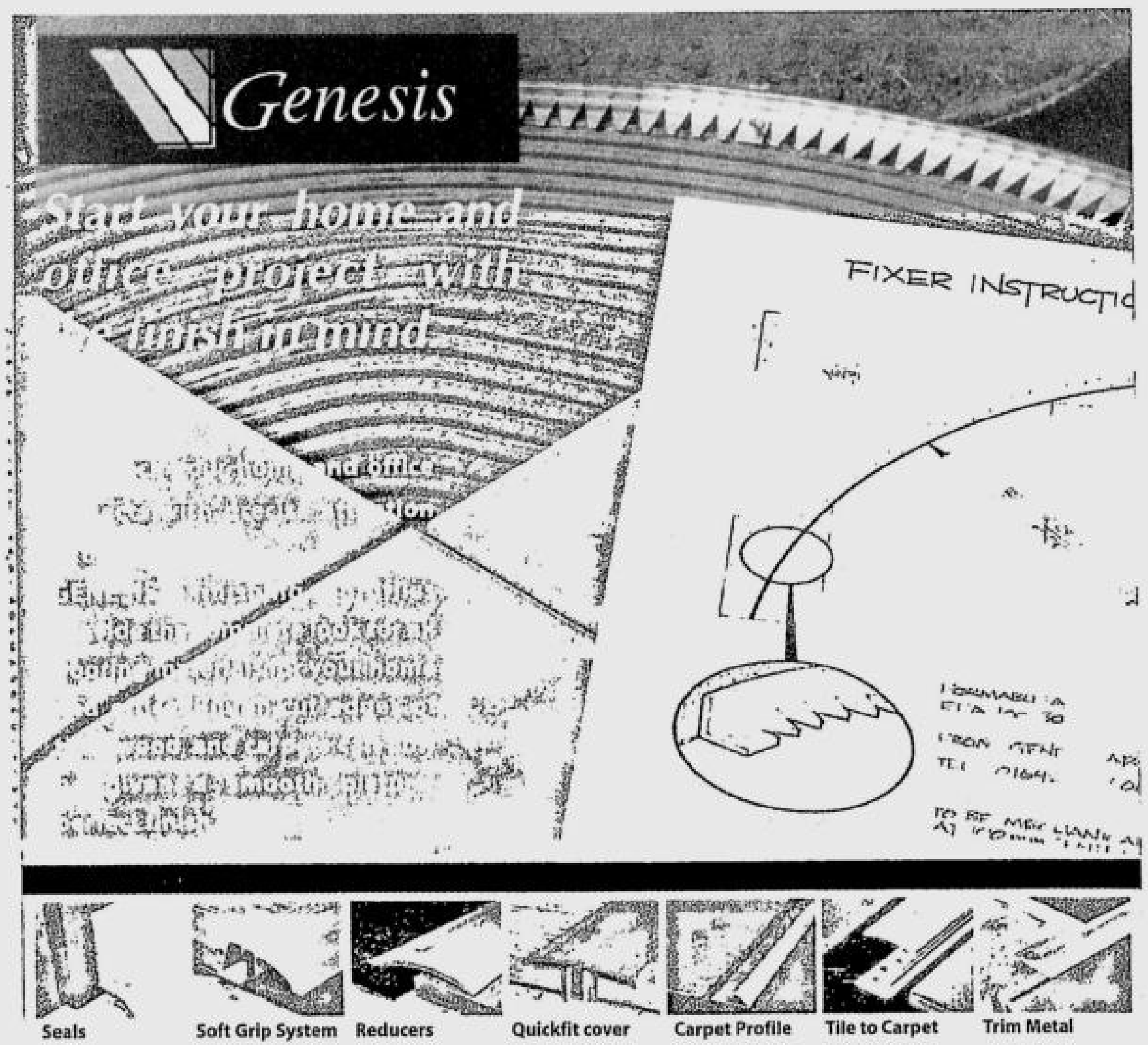

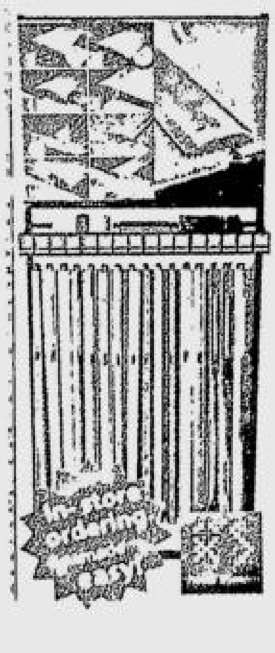

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Anti-terror fight tops Asean agenda in Brunei next week

COUNTER-terrorism and prospective economic reforms in Southeast Asia are among key issues to be discussed by ASEAN foreign ministers at their annual talks in Brunei next week, officials said.

The ministers from the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations will launch their two-day meeting in Brunei's capital Bandar Seri Begawan on July 29 before separate talks with counterparts from the region's major trading partners, including the United States, the European Union and Japan.

"The Asean foreign ministers will meet in Brunei under a different strategic backdrop since their meeting in July last year as a result of the September 11 terrorist attacks in the US," Asean spokesperson M.C. Abad told AFP.

This change of outlook did not come so much from Asean but from its partners, primarily the United States, Abad said.

"Asean will have to respond to this situation while at the same time pushing for the region's priorities," he said.

Some analysts have expressed concern that discussions on terrorism would "hijack" the meeting and push to the fringes domestic issues that needed urgent action to regain Asean's standing as an influential political and economic entity.

Before a severe financial crisis struck Southeast Asia and sent it into recession in 1997, the region was the world's fastest growing area.

It may have largely recovered from the turmoil but has not regained its economic competitiveness and luster as a foreign investment haven.

"Before the crisis, 60 percent of all investments into Asia came to Asean but now it has dwindled to less than 20 percent," lamented a senior official from the group, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But Abad said the ministers were expected to endorse a "work plan" to beef up the competitive edge of Asean, which comprises Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. *AFP*

NBI probes badge racket inside agency

By N. Bordadora

THE CASE of a Japanese businessman, who was refused entry into the country last week, has prompted the National Bureau of Investigation to look into the alleged "badge-for-a-fee" racket inside the agency.

The NBI division at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport has taken on the case after Japanese Mori Terihuko demanded VIP treatment from airport immigration agents, brandishing an NBI badge of a confidential agent.

Instead of special treatment, Terihuko was barred from entering the country for rude behavior.

He, however, told immigration agents and the NBI that he paid P40,000 to become a legitimate confidential agent of the investigation bureau. The P40,000 covered the badge and mission order duly signed by NBI director Reynaldo Wycoco.

A source at the NBI-Naia said that Terihuko is indeed in the bureau's list of confidential agents.

"We would be looking into who endorsed him to the bureau to become a confidential agent," said the source.

"One doesn't need to shell out money to become a confidential agent. One only has to be a legitimate source of information for the bureau," said another NBI official.

Some unscrupulous individuals have resorted to applying for NBI badges as confidential agents to gain favors from government agencies

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ZOO PARTY IN PERU

'Disco inferno was a disaster foretold'

PERUVIAN firefighters carry away a victim from the scene of a fire in Lima. A lion and a tiger were also killed in the "zoo party." AP

LIMA, Peru—At least 26 people were killed and hundreds injured when a blaze sparked by an out-of-control flame trick raced through an unlicensed Lima nightclub that had no sprinklers or proper safety exits.

Most of the victims died of smoke inhalation when the fire spread through the upscale nightclub around 3:00 am (0700 GMT) and the crowd, estimated at 1,000, stampeded toward the exit. Of the injured, 53 were in grave condition, according to authorities, who said the death toll could mount further. Many of those who perished died of injuries in area hospitals throughout the day, police said in a statement.

Some desperate revelers at the Utopia nightclub, located in the Jockey Plaza shopping center in southern Lima, even tried to extinguish the flames with their alcoholic drinks, witnesses said.

The flashy four-floor nightclub was celebrating its second month anniversary with a "zoo party" that included caged wild animals—a lion, a tiger and a chimpanzee. Bartenders were hurling bottles of liquor into the air to pour drinks and performing a series of flame tricks.

The Utopia did not have authorization for its construction or operation, Lima fire chief Tulio Nicolini and Surco district Mayor Carlos Dargent said at a joint newsconference.

"This was a disaster foretold," Nicolini said.

Rescue workers and firefighters were hindered by hundreds of friends and relatives who flocked to the shopping center searching for their loved ones.

How the blaze broke out remains unclear. According to a television reporter who was at the club, the fire began when flames contained in an ashtray—part of a club flame trick—jumped to the carpet.

Other witnesses said in broadcast interviews that the fire broke out when flames blown from a flame swallower's mouth hit the dance floor ceiling, which they said was made of flammable material.

"Everything was chaos, panicked young people screaming for help and people trying to get into the disco to bring out family members," said a firefighter who declined to be named.

Others, including two of Peru's vice presidents who had relatives and friends among the victims, roamed nearby hospitals in search of information.

President Alejandro Toledo said he regretted the tragedy.

"We will firmly punish . . . with all the weight of the law those irresponsible ones who operated this nightclub despite not having a license," Toledo said.

Cabinet Chief Minister Luis Solari, speaking at a joint news conference with Health Minister Fernando Carbone, said he feared the death toll would continue to rise.

Carbone, who said the victims died of smoke inhalation, urged other nightclub owners to be vigilant about safety measures to prevent similar tragedies.

Mayor Dargent, who inspected the charred scene with Nicolini, said a caged lion and a tiger that were part of the club attractions perished in the blaze. The fate of a caged chimpanzee was unknown.

On one occasion, Utopia's owners sued officials for their public criticism of the club's lack of safety precautions.

Dargent said municipal mayors "have their hands tied in these cases," since closing an unlicensed nightclub is a lengthy bureaucratic process that can take months.

He said that when officials had previously managed to close the club, the owners "got a court order ... and reopened it." He asked legislators to review the laws protecting businesses and the right to work. *AFP*

Train tracks near Tel Aviv bombed; one Israeli hurt

JERUSALEM—One Israeli was injured in a bombing attack on a train near Tel Aviv on Sunday, a day after Israelis and Palestinians resumed talks on easing the restrictions placed on Palestinians.

The explosion went off on the tracks in the town of Yavneh and damaged the engine of the passenger train, police said. The train's engineer was injured in the abdomen from the force of the blast but the train was not derailed, police said.

The bomb was set off by remote control and weighed about five kilograms, police said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but police said they believed Palestinian militants were responsible.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who led the Israelis in the Saturday night talks with Palestinians, said Sunday that teams from both sides would meet in the coming days to discuss ways of removing, or at least easing, the mesures the Israeli Army has imposed on many West Bank areas for the past month. *AP*

Hailstones kill 16 in central China

BEIJING—A violent storm pummeled central China's Henan province, killing 16 people and injuring about 200 as buildings collapsed under powerful winds and egg-sized hailstones, officials said Sunday.

The Friday evening storm packed "big winds and big thunder," said an official at the anti-flood center in Zhengzhou, Henan's capital.

"The hail was quite thick. It lasted for about 25 minutes," said the official who would only give his surname, Fan. He said 16 people died and about 200 suffered injuries.

Wind speeds reached up to 70 kph, the People's Daily reported.

According to the Beijing Youth Daily, 15 people were killed when buildings in Zhengzhou collapsed, including a gas station, a feed factory and a storage facility.

Traffic was snarled, the streets were littered with broken tree trunks, and the mayor's hot line was jammed with complaints, the official Xinhua News Agency said. *AP*

Rising atrocities in Liberia war force 200,000 civilians to flee

FASSANKONI, Guinea—With the number of civilians in flight from Liberia's war surging at 200,000, refugees reaching safety in neighboring Guinea speak of worsening atrocities by President Charles Taylor's forces—looting, raping, burning and killing trapped villagers.

Both sides—fighters for Taylor and the increasingly assertive rebels seeking to drive him out—also are forcing villagers as young as 6 into their ranks, escaped Liberians say.

"They both fighting, both suffering us," says refugee Kolih Momo, who fled across the border from Liberia with his 3-year-old son in June to a now-teeming blue-tarped UN camp in Guinea.

Liberian soldiers caught his grandmother that month as they burned and pillaged his town, Momo says.

Six months earlier, it was Liberian rebels who caught Momo's brother, he says. The rebels had been seeking a victim to supply blood for bullet-stopping magic charms at the time, Momo says.

The refugee makes the same gesture, twice, to show what Liberia's soldiers did to his 75-year-old grandmother, and what Liberia's rebels did to his 46-year-old brother: He slashes his hand across his throat. *AP*

'Gods must be angry at ChevronTexaco'

ESCRAVOS, Nigeria—A huge fire broke out Saturday at ChevronTexaco's main oil terminal, days after unarmed village women ended a 10-day siege that crippled the oil giant's Nigeria operations.

The blaze at the multimillion-dollar Escravos terminal in southeastern Nigeria was ignited by a bolt of lightning during an early morning storm, the company said in a statement.

The lightning set fire to a storage tank containing about 180,000 barrels of crude oil. Oil workers used remote-controlled chemical cannons to contain the blaze and pumped about 80,000 barrels out of the burning tank.

Additional support was requested from other oil operators, the statement said. No one was hurt, the company said. The fire sent giant flames and a towering pillar of black smoke into the sky.

"The gods are angry. Chevron needs to compensate us for this land. The women leave, and two days later, this thing happens," said unemployed villager Lucky Mune, as he watched the blaze from a distance.

The fire was the latest blow to a company still facing a series of takeovers at its Nigerian facilities by unarmed village women.

Meanwhile Saturday, unarmed women occupying at least four ChevronTexaco facilities in southeastern Nigeria said Saturday they had freed their two hostages in return for a promise from oil executives to meet with them.

The women, who live nearby, are demanding jobs for their relatives as well as electricity, water and other amenities. The protest follows a larger but similar action at ChevronTexaco's main oil terminal that involved about 700 workers—including Americans, Britons, Canadians and Nigerians—being held captive for 10 days.

The women, ranging in age from 30 to 90, used a traditional and powerful shaming gesture to maintain control over the facility—they threatened to remove their own clothing. *AP*

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CRACKDOWN

Children sit below posters put up in Kuala Lumpur by the Democratic Action Party members, who are criticizing Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad for declaring that Malaysia was "in effect" an Islamic state in Kuala Lumpur. Lim Kit Siang, the party's chair and one of Mahathir's oldest political rivals, was arrested Sunday for distributing pamphlets criticizing Mahathir. He was released after two hours. AP

Greek priest, pa of 3 terrorists, says his sons must pay

ATHENS—The Greek Orthodox priest whose three sons were alleged killers for the November 17 terrorist group said Saturday his children had turned away from God and must pay for their crimes.

Police raided the Athens homes of two more suspects detained Saturday as they continued their sweep against the ultra-leftist terror group that operated with impunity in Greece for 27 years.

The two men, whose names were not released, were snatched by police from northern Greece where they had been vacationing separately, and flown to Athens by helicopters, police sources said.

For three weeks, Rev. Triandafyllos Xiros had insisted there was no connection between his family and November 17. But after police announced on Thursday that two of his sons had confessed to a string of murders, bombings and bank robberies, the priest—who has 11 children—appeared a broken man.

"They will go to jail, and they must repent," Xiros said. His two sons were charged along with the alleged leader of the group for multiple murders.

"All these days I have been praying . . . for God to reveal the truth, for the guilty ones to be revealed," Xiros said. "God has done his miracle. The police did their job well. The truth was revealed and the guilty ones were revealed. And I am happy for this, even if my own children were involved. Whoever did something must pay. Everyone must pay, either here or in the next life."

November 17 terrorized Greece, killing American, Turkish and British officials as well as prominent Greeks—beginning with the 1975 assassination of the CIA station chief in Athens, Richard Welch. Between then and their last known murder, that of British defense attache Brig. Stephen Saunders in June 2000, November 17 killed 21 other people, financing their operations with some of Greece's biggest bank robberies.

Police first penetrated the deadly group by accident when Xiros' 40-year-old son, Savas, was severely injured when the bomb he was allegedly carrying exploded June 29. That led police to Alexandros Giotopoulos, 58, described as a founder of the group and its ideologist, and two other sons of Xiros.

Not counting the two men detained Saturday, authorities now have a total of seven named suspects in custody.

Xiros' eldest son Christodoulos, 44, confessed to participating in nine killings, including those of US defense attache Capt. William Nordeen and US. Air Force Sgt. Ronald O. Stewart, as well as a long list of bombings and robberies between 1984 and 1997.

Another son, 30-year-old Vassilis, confessed to participating in two killings, including that of Saunders, and to numerous bomb attacks and robberies between 1996 and 2002.

"Savas and the other children left the path of God," Xiros said, speaking haltingly. There was only one reason for their actions, he said: "They strayed from the Church, they became distant from God."

After his injury in the botched bombing, Savas repented for what he had done, the priest said. *AP*

Catholics rally for Church reform

BOSTON, Massachusetts—Calling for a revolution against the Roman Catholic hierarchy, some 4,000 lay Catholics met in Boston vowing to rid the Church of its culture of "Pay, Pray and Obey."

The movement called "Voice of the Faithful," created in February by a small group of churchgoers from Wellesley has snowballed into a global militia of 19,000 bent on empowering parishoners.

Fueled by outrage over the recent child sex scandals that rocked the parishes across the United States, the group has become the fastest-growing Catholic lay organization in the world.

Enraged Catholics from 35 states and seven foreign countries mounted the group's first nationwide rally Saturday to demand drastic changes and reform. A petition was signed urging Pope John Paul II to endorse reform policies the US bishops approved in June.

Outside the meeting hall, enraged Catholics carried signs demanding the immediate resignation of Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law.

"Jesus Loves Children and Despises Hypocrites" read one poster, and "Reject Cardinal Law" buttons expressed opinions on the priest sexual abuse scandal.

Voice of the Faithful issued a statement saying ways must be created to allow lay Catholics to actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church.

Proposals discussed included policy-making power for lay members and including giving parishoners a hand in the appointment of pastors and bishops.

The Reverend Thomas Doyle, an Air Force chaplain, addressed the faithful, saying millions of people have been praying for change.

"We are telling everyone who is part of the Church to abandon the concept that the Church is a kingdom made up of a string of fiefdoms called dioceses," Doyle said.

Urging Catholics to get up their nerve, he said parishioners must shed "timidity or fearful deference to the very structures that have betrayed us."

The recent sexual abuse scandal, he said, was caused by "the delusion that the clergy are somehow above the rest," damning some as having "unbridled addiction to power."

On the sensitive issue of donations, he advised, Catholics to "stop enabling through financial support the power structures" that have led to the "horrific consequences" of the scandal and cover-ups of pedophile priests.

Voice of the Faithful has not advocated for the resignation of Cardinal Law. However, members walked in procession from the meeting to a local cathedral to acknowledge their support of victims sexually abused by priests.

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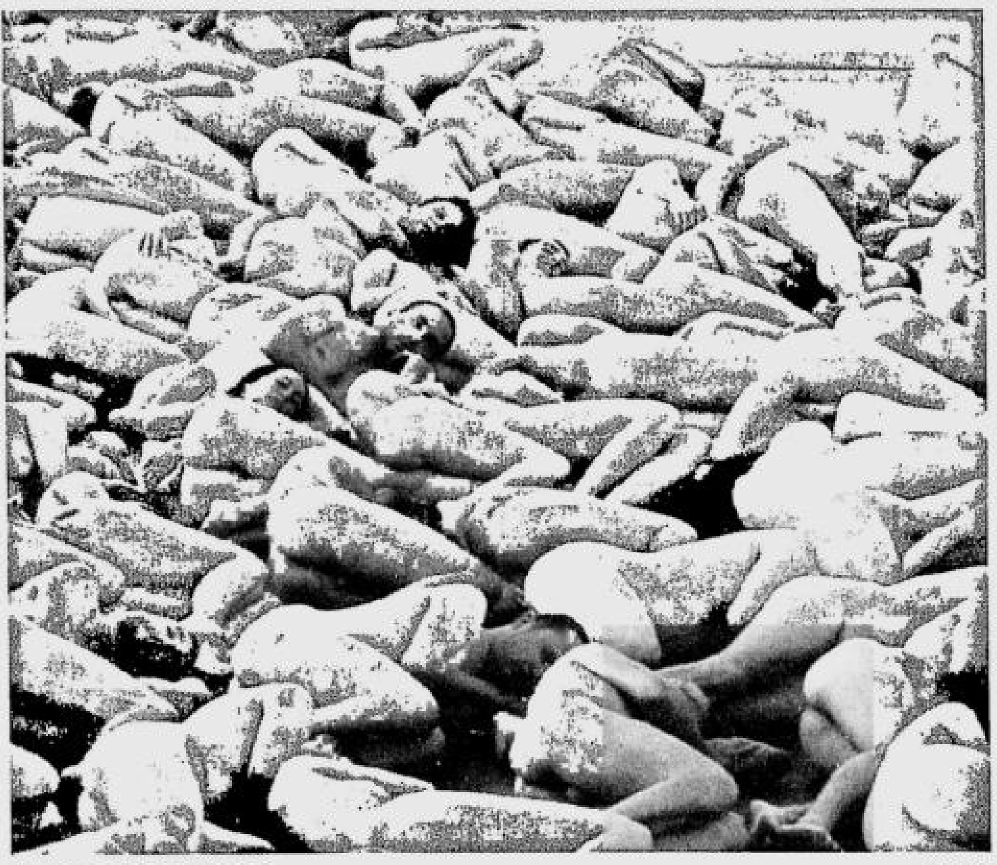

NUDE LANDSCAPES REUTERS

More than 1500 nude volunteers pose for a setting of New York photographer and performer Spencer Tunick's photo shoot at the arteplage of Neuchatel, Switzerland, on July 20. Tunick creates massive landscape photographs of human bodies what he calls "Nude Landscapes" with naked volunteer models in various settings. The arteplage of Neuchatel is part of the ongoing "Expo.02" Swiss national exposition, a linked web of open-air theme parks centered on four eye-catching arteplages.

Frail Pope prepares for grueling trip to Americas

VATICAN CITY—Brushing aside talk of stepping down, Pope John Paul II departs for Canada, Guatemala and Mexico next week on a strenuous 11-day trip that will severely test his frail health.

The 82-year-old Pope heads Tuesday to Toronto to preside over the Roman Catholic Church's World Youth Day, an event he began in Rome in 1985 that traditionally draws hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world.

From Toronto, he travels to Guatemala and Mexico for canonization ceremonies, before returning to Rome on Aug. 2.

Global travel has been a hallmark of the Polish-born Pope's papacy, and he wants to press ahead with his trips despite the toll they may take on his health. His July trip will be the 97th foreign tour of his nearly 24-year papacy—and he plans a visit to his native Poland in late August.

John Paul is struggling with the symptoms of Parkinson's disease—heavily slurred speech and trembling hands—and is slowed by knee and hip aliments that make it difficult for him to walk or even stand.

Several leading cardinals have broken a taboo and raised the possibility of a papal resignation should he feel he could no longer carry out his ministry. John Paul responded by asking for prayers to give him the strength to continue his mission.

Vittorio Messori, an Italian author who collaborated with John Paul on his best-selling book "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," said recently the Pope has firmly decided not to retire.

"The force to continue is not my problem but that of Christ, who wanted to call me, though unworthy, to be his vicar on Earth," Messori said.

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Blair faces dilemma in sustaining N. Ireland peace deal

BELFAST, Northern Ireland—Northern Ireland faces a crossroads this week in its battle to sustain a 1998 peace accord that has fueled Catholic demands and Protestant fears almost to the breaking point.

In the most divided quarters of Belfast, this tension inspires chronic rioting and the construction of so-called "peace lines," walls of brick and steel that scar the landscape.

Inside Northern Ireland's administration of British Protestants and Irish Catholics, the heart of the Good Friday pact, more dangerous fault lines run.

First Minister David Trimble struggles daily with his many Protestant critics—and sometimes, he concedes, his own conscience—about leading his Ulster Unionist Party 2 1/2 years ago into a four-party coalition involving Sinn Fein, the public face of the secret Irish Republican Army.

The IRA's surprise apology last week for killing civilians appeared timed to curry favor with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who plans a major statement on the tensions between Trimble and Sinn Fein this week.

The Ulster Unionist chief, who accuses the IRA of repeatedly violating its 1997 cease-fire, says Blair must spell out a new policy on punishing Sinn Fein for IRA activities.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams says Blair must favor his own shopping list, including amnesties for IRA fugitives.

The accusations against the IRA have mounted: Designing new weapons and training rebels in Colombia, stealing anti-terrorist intelligence documents, compiling dossiers on targets, shooting Protestants in Belfast riots.

The IRA denies it all, but the outlawed group never has renounced violence. And when asked Saturday if the IRA campaign to demolish Northern Ireland as a British territory was over for good, Adams hedged his bets, saying, "None of us can take this for granted."

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Funds for housing used for dredging

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Almost P563 million from the recovered funds of the defunct Mt. Pinatubo Commission was released by the Department of Budget and Management for 36 desilting and dredging projects that have not eased flooding in four lahar-affected provinces.

Documents obtained by the INQUIRER showed this trend and priority in fund allotment by the DBM, which has been supervising the task force formed two years ago to finish the tasks of the MPC.

The P563 million given to the Department of Public Works and Highways and local governments was 85 percent of the P655.5-million budget the National Housing Authority needed to resettle almost 5,000 families and improve facilities in 24 resettlement sites.

It was almost the same amount that the DBM released to the Army's 51st Engineering Brigade for the construction of 2,500 houses in Magalang, Pampanga.

All the MPC-recovered funds for desilting and dredging had been released from September last year until last June or during the term of President Macapagal-Arroyo, documents showed.

The amount was pooled from excess funds of agencies that implemented projects funded by the initial P10-billion budget of the commission.

The recipients of the recovered funds were local governments in Bataan, Pampanga, Tarlac and Zambales, including those in Angeles and Olongapo cities and the regional offices and sub-districts of the DPWH.

The Bataan first engineering district received P43.134 million; Bataan second ED, P29.960 million; Pampanga first ED, P82.888 million; and Pampanga second ED, P24.860 million.

The Office of the District Engineer in Gerona, Tarlac, got P49.240 million, and the Tarlac sub-district, P74.487 million.

The Zambales second ED obtained P23.972 million, and Olongapo sub-district, P1.9749 million.

The DPWH second district office got P44.494 million while its Mt. Pinatubo Rehabilitation Project Management Office, in charge of maintaining the FVR Megadike in Pampanga, received only P19.013 million.

The provincial government in Bataan obtained P33.846 million while that of Zambales got P19.872 million. Tarlac and Pampanga received more than P9 million each.

The sub-district in Angeles City, which is less flood-prone, got P77.080 million.

In contrast, two engineering districts supervising flood-control works in seriously flooded communities in the Pampanga and Guagua-Pasac deltas got a combined total of more than P100 million.

The efficiency of these desilting and dredging projects continued to be questioned.

Frank Mangulabnan, chair of the Mt. Pinatubo victims group Ugnayan, decried the lack of a comprehensive and centralized flood-control program.

The Central Luzon Center for Emergency Aid and Rehabilitation (Concern), a non-government organization in disaster response management, pressed for "effective flood-control measures" at the Guagua-Pasac Delta.

The delta straddles the Pampanga towns of Lubao, Sasmuan, Guagua and Minalin.

Documents showed that lesser funds from the MPC task force went to these areas.

DA celebrates declaration of regions in Philippines as 'FMD-free' zones

By Ma. Diosa Labiste
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Calling it a "significant milestone in the history of livestock industry in Western Visayas," the Department of Agriculture here celebrated on July 19 the international declaration that the region is Foot and Mouth Disease-free.

The celebration included a motorcade complete with Ati-atihan drums, a short program and a press conference held at Tatoy's Manokan, a popular seafood restaurant along Villa Arevalo.

The declaration, made by the Office Internationale Des Epizooties (OIE) or the World Organization for Animal Health, formally certified Visayas, Palawan, Mindanao and Masbate as FMD-free zones during its international committee's 70th general session in Paris last month.

With the certification, the FMD-free areas can export live animals, animal products and byproducts to other countries.

The FMD is one of the most contagious diseases of animals affecting cloven-hoofed animals. The affected animals develop lesions and blisters on their mouths and hooves.

To prevent FMD from spreading, infected animals are slaughtered and their carcasses destroyed. Quarantine measures are also imposed.

The OIE, an inter-government body, accepted the Philippines' application for the recognition of the four areas as FMD-free during its third plenary session in May.

With the approval, almost half of the country's livestock population is in an internationally recognized FMD-free zone.

The declaration is considered a victory for Iloilo, which had an outbreak of FMD two years ago.

The FMD, which affected only swine, started in Passi City, 59 kilometers north of here, and later spread to five towns and Iloilo City.

As a result, the livestock industry in the province suffered tremendously because it was a net exporter of heads of swine and cattle to Cebu, Manila and Negros Occidental.

The DA responded by setting up a 24-hour command post supervised by livestock experts and municipal agriculture personnel. Farms, slaughterhouses and stockyards were inspected and disinfected.

Floods destroy P37M in crops in Maguindanao

COTABATO CITY—Floods struck Maguindanao anew, destroying more than P37 million worth of agricultural crops, the province's agriculture office reported.

The week-long continuous downpour also brought hardships to some 4,000 farmers in 20 of Maguindanao's 22 municipalities, according to Don Dumo, technical division chief of the Maguindanao Provincial Agricultural Office.

Dumo said cornfields were the most affected when major tributaries drained their excess waters into the lowlands. The agriculture office said at least 3,770 metric tons of corn ready for harvests and estimated to cost P22,569,350 were destroyed in the flashfloods.

Dumo said the flooding destroyed at least 2,340 metric tons of rice worth P14,477,750.

He said that waist-level floodwaters also submerged residential areas in Ampatuan, Barira, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Datu Paglas, Kabuntalan, Pagagawan, Pagalungan, SK Pendatun, Talayan, Datu Piang and Sultan Sa Barongis.

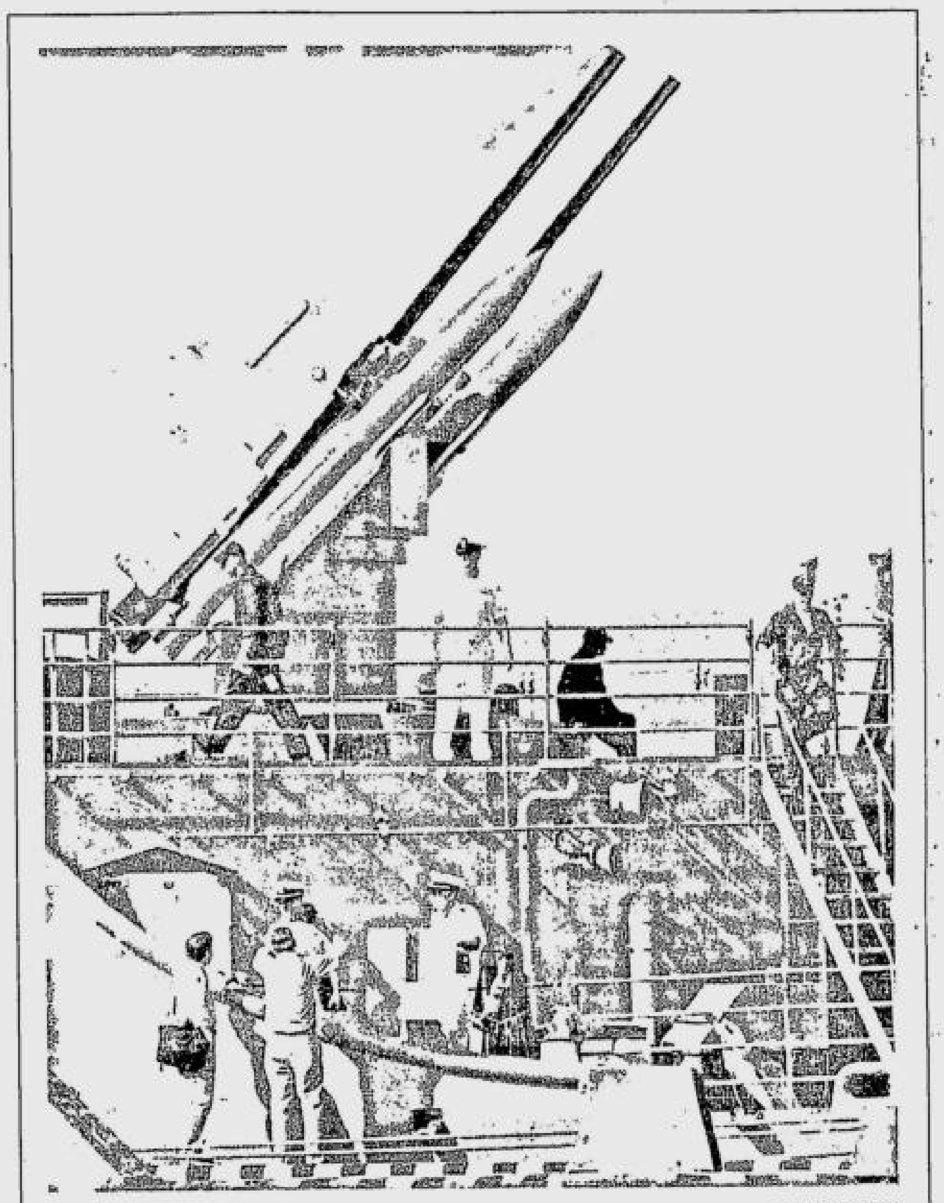
No casualty or injury was reported as a result of the flooding.

At the height of typhoon Gloria, low-lying areas of Maguindanao also suffered from flashfloods, which destroyed tens of millions of pesos worth of crops and pieces of property.

Because of the flooding and disaster, Duma said agriculture officials were asking the national government to extend assistance to the affected farmers who were yet to recover from previous losses due to calamities in the past.

Maguindanao, which is one of the country's poorest provinces, mainly rely on agriculture.

In the Visayas, three houses were destroyed on Friday when floods hit Barangay Linao in Ormoc City due to heavy rains spawned by typhoon Juan. No one was reported hurt. *Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau and Jani Arnaiz, PDI Visayas Bureau*



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Widow of trader slain in 'shootout' says raps way of NBI to harass her

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—The widow of slain Capiz businessman Dindo Salazar said the kidnapping complaint filed by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) against her was a cover-up for the "intentional killing" of her husband.

In a seven-page counter-affidavit she filed during a preliminary hearing here on the kidnapping complaint, Maria Victoria Salazar said the complaint was meant to "harass" her family and "preempt any criminal and administrative charges that they (NBI) expect us to file against them for the murder of Dindo."

The NBI filed a complaint against Maria Victoria for the alleged kidnapping of Madeline Erada. The other respondents were Salazar's 21 year-old son Sebastian Philip Michael, her 14 year-old daughter, and employees Romulo Firmalino, Mercedes Belloca and Rowela Jardiolin.

She is also facing a robbery complaint for allegedly taking Erada's mobile phone, a Gucci watch and pieces of jewelry.

The couple owned a furniture shop in Dumalag and a calling station. Maria Victoria was into the money-lending and jewelry businesses. They also belong to prominent families in Capiz.

Dindo was killed on May 15 when an NBI-led entrapment operation allegedly to rescue Erada turned into a shootout in Dumalag town, Capiz.

Also killed were Erada's sister Perla Erada-Pasoquin and Army Private First Class Jenet Bacanto.

An NBI operative, Clenio Calleja, suffered a wound in the head while Erada was recovered unharmed.

The NBI alleged that the Salazar couple forced Erada to take a plane from Manila to Iloilo City on May 9 and held her in Dumalag until the shootout.

NBI regional director Carlos Saunar had said that the couple demanded P500,000 from Pasoquin in exchange for her sister's release.

Citing Pasoquin's statement submitted to the NBI, Saunar said Pasoquin gave P34,000 to Maria Victoria on May 10 and promised to pay the remaining amount on May 15.

In her affidavit, Maria Victoria denied the allegations, saying Erada voluntarily went with them to settle her debt amounting to at least P500,000.

She submitted a copy of a hand-written certification of Erada and a report of the security personnel of the Manila International Airport that Erada voluntarily went with the couple.

Her claims were supported by the counter-affidavits of the other respondents who said Erada was treated as a "guest."

Erada did not attend the preliminary hearing. She is under the custody of the NBI. But the respondents' lawyers Virgilio Teruel and Romeo Gerochi questioned why she was not serving her jail term for conviction in other cases.

Erada had been convicted of 23 cases of violating the anti-bouncing checks law.

Losing bet stabs police exec

COTABATO CITY—Frustration struck a defeated candidate for village chieftain in South Cotabato that led him to stab a police major after his opponent was proclaimed winner.

Chief Insp. Jessie Ramos suffered a stab wound in the back and was brought to a hospital after he was attacked by an unidentified candidate.

The suspect was seeking the top post of Barangay Lamdalag in Lake Sebu, South Cotabato but failed to make it. Informed that his opponent was proclaimed after Monday's balloting, the suspect went berserk and challenged anyone to a fist fight or a stabbing spree.

Ramos led a team of policemen that was sent to the village to pacify the defeated candidate. After a brief meeting and convinced that the candidate agreed to settle down, Ramos and his men started to leave the village.

As they turned their backs on the candidate, Ramos was stabbed once by the suspect who was immediately collared by Ramos' men.

In Midsayap, North Cotabato, 200 families have fled Barangay Central Labas after reelectionist barangay council member Makabuat Mentang indiscriminately fired his rifle.

His men, some armed with automatic rifles, also fired their guns as the election officials proclaimed the winning candidates in Monday's elections.

Village chieftain Pep Madindog said the residents refused to return home for fear that Mentang would continue harassing civilians and village officials.

But in Barangay Rosary Heights in Cotabato City, village officials, armed with knives, hammers and brooms, trooped to major streets to start their "first service for the people" Wednesday.

Led by reelected village chair Oding Maglalang, the new officials removed streamers, posters and other campaign materials on walls, common poster areas and leftovers of the recent elections.

"This is our first public service and way of showing our gratitude to our constituents," Maglalang told the INQUIRER. "I hope other villages here and throughout the country would emulate us."

Campaign materials littered the city's major streets, including road sides and public utility vehicles.

Violence and cheating marred the elections in many parts of the country. In areas that are influenced by rebels, voters reported the presence of armed men hanging out in voting precincts.

The barangay elections were supposed to be non-partisan. *Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Rebels urged: Allow progress

BOHOL Gov. Erico Aumentado laughed off criticisms made against him by the National Democratic Front and appealed to the rebels to abandon their armed struggle in favor of parliamentary struggle to attain peace in Bohol.

In a statement, the governor said he would not have dignified the statement of NDF/NPA spokesperson Vide Alguna if it had not contained false allegations.

He said the NDF consultant failed to understand that the Japanese government has provided Bohol funds at a minimal interest of 1.27 percent for the Bohol Circumferential Road Improvement Project phases I & II, Bohol Irrigation Project stages I & II, and the Leyte-Bohol Interconnection Project phases I & II which are vital infrastructure projects for Bohol's economic development.

Phase II of the three projects, costing about P5.5 billion, is due for bidding this year. President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the speedy implementation of the projects.

Aumentado said the national government will pay for the loans through appropriations.

He said the NDF does not present an alternative to these programs that could improve services to the people in terms of transportation, food security and power generation.

The governor recalled that the NDF/NPA leadership under Epitacio Ramirez alias Commander Vargas understood the meaning of Bohol's development when the rebels allowed the construction of the Capayas Irrigation Facility in Ubay without demanding revolutionary taxes.

The project is now providing irrigation to some 4,960 hectares of rice land in five towns and 20 megawatts of electricity to Bohol.

LGUs told to focus on alleviating poor

LOCAL Government Secretary Jose D. Lina Jr. urged local government units to effectively integrate national efforts to stamp out poverty in their own poverty alleviation programs.

In a circular, Lina also called on LGU poverty alleviation teams to learn about current trends in assessing and addressing poverty at the local level.

To provide them economic situationers and help them form viable strategies to uplift the poor, the DILG has organized the "Seminar Workshop on Local Government initiatives for Poverty Reduction."

It will be held at the Holiday Inn on UN avenue in Manila on Aug. 8-10 and at the Royal Mandaya Hotel in Davao City on Sept. 19 and 21.

In a statement, Lina sought the active participation of LGUs in the seminar workshop to yield action plans to address poverty.

LGUs are expected to come out with strategies that take into account unique situations in their areas to make them compatible with national government programs.

Lina said the DILG initiative is anchored on the Local Government Code which mandates LGUs to carry out programs aimed at reducing poverty.

Highlights of the three-day workshops, which is co-organized with Gateway East Inc., include presentations to enable LGU executives to understand the dynamics of poverty in the Philippines.

Interested participants may get in touch with Gateway East Inc. at 634-8671 and 634-0588.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Central Luzon, Cavite, Rizal and Metro Manila will experience rains and gusty winds. The rest of Luzon and Western Visayas will have cloudy skies with scattered rains.

SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Rains	Hi 28°	Lo 23°
Baguio	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 21°	Lo 15°
Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy	Hi 33°	Lo 26°
Laoag	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 25°
Clark Zone	Rains	Hi 28°	Lo 24°
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 28°	Lo 21°
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Solid building to replace Gloria's paper boat

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the "*bangkang papel*" as a symbol of the Macapagal administration: one that is adrift on troubled waters.

Bunye said a "strong republic is a government in which the majority of the people and not just those with the vested interests of a few prevails."

Another attribute of a strong republic is the pushing for common goals by all institutions of governance from the executive, the legislative to the judiciary and other sectors, according to Bunye.

"We can also say that the strong republic is one where the leaders say what they mean and do what they say," Bunye added. "It's not wishy-washy, the directions are clear and what needs to be done will be done."

Relentless

In its specific form, strong republic is "resolute and relentless" in fighting graft and corruption, Bunye said.

In her Sona, the President will summarize her compliance with the targets she set in her Sona last July. "The description of the President is that these are just tips of the iceberg and that a more detailed report will be submitted to Congress," Bunye said.

Bunye said that this approach would give Ms Macapagal more time to expound on her concept of a strong republic and on her thrusts within the next 12 months: peace and order, graft and corruption, and power rates.

He said that the President's Sona would be about 22 pages long, shorter than the 30 pages she read in her first Sona.

Cabinet members have provided inputs while Secretary Silvestre Afable of the Presidential Management Staff and Makati Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr. took care of the style.

"But the actual finishing touches are being made by the President herself," Bunye said. "She works with a laptop computer."

Bunye said that as of yesterday, Ms Macapagal was working on the third draft of her speech.

One of the targets that the President met was the release of the country's first ancestral domain title. The release came two days before today's deadline.

The certificate ancestral domain title (CADT) was the fruit of "a presidential temper and an act of Kabunian (God)," said lawyer Evelyn Dulnuan, chair of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP).

Kankaney, Bago tribes

Dulnuan released the CADT to the Kankaney and Bago tribes in Bakun, Benguet, on Saturday, a month after the President chastised her for failing to release 100 ancestral land titles, which Ms Macapagal had pledged in her first Sona.

"The President kept on insisting that NCIP release at least one (ancestral land) title to signal to the world that this administration meant business," Dulnuan told Bakun folk, who witnessed the CADT turnover.

Geoffrey Nettleton, chair of the London-based Philippine Indigenous Peoples Link network, said international experts had been monitoring how the Philippines had been addressing its indigenous people's rights crusades.

"You are one of the few countries with a law that recognizes the indigenous peoples and that is very noteworthy," he said.

Dulnuan said the CADT should be able to overcome legal scrutiny once sectors critical of the 1997 Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (Ipra) took the CADT to court.

The constitutionality of the Ipra was questioned before the Supreme Court immediately after it was enacted, delaying the process that many critics feared would undermine both government development projects and the country's land ownership system.

Instead of defending the law, the Estrada administration questioned Ipra.

Unresolved

The Supreme Court junked the suit last year, after failing to break a tie regarding Ipra's legal status.

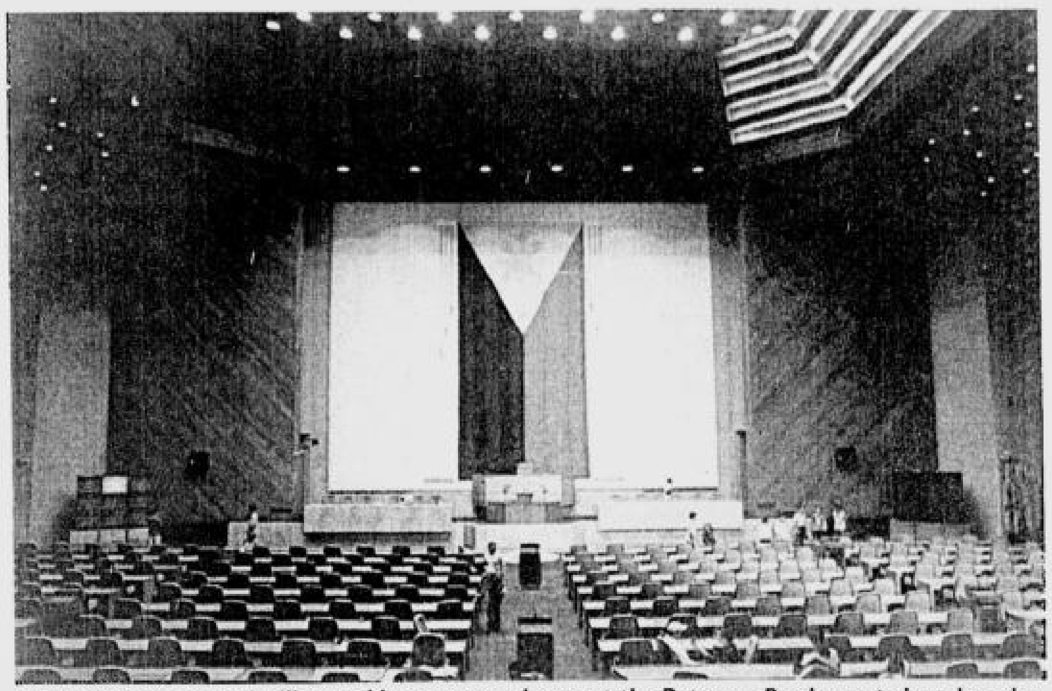
The Legal and Natural Resources Center, which fought for the Ipra, said the question about Ipra's constitutionality was never resolved.

A real estate lawyer in Baguio City noted that the Supreme Court's judgment opened up more questions about the law, and its controversial instrument, the ancestral land titles.

"This is because of the law's definition of ancestral lands," the lawyer said.

Definition

The Ipra defines ancestral domain as "all areas generally belonging to (indigenous peoples) comprising lands, inland waters, coastal areas and natural resources held under a claim of ownership."



PRESIDENT Macapagal will get a blue-carpet welcome at the Batasang Pambansa today when she delivers her State of the Nation Address. The carpet was changed from red to blue after 24 years and four Congresses. DENNIS SABANGAN

It is "occupied or possessed by indigenous peoples by themselves or through their ancestors, communally or individually since time immemorial, continuously to the present except when interrupted by war, *force majeur* or displacement by force, deceit, stealth or as consequence of government projects . . . and private individuals or corporations."

Section 3 of the Ipra says that a domain "shall include ancestral lands, forests, pasture, residential, agricultural, and other land individually owned whether alienable and disposable or otherwise, hunting grounds, burial grounds, worship areas, bodies of water, mineral and other natural resources, and lands which may no longer be exclusively occupied by (IPs) but from which they traditionally had access to for their subsistence and traditional activities."

Recto Aloaos, NCIP technical division chief for the Cordillera, said the CADT granted the Bakun people "the full right to decide their own fate" and the future of 29,444.34 hectares of their domain.

As Bakun's new owners, the Kankaney and Bago tribesmen will also weigh the advantages of government and private contracts and projects, which operate in their town, according to Aloaos.

Bakun hosts the Bakun mini-hydro, an independent power producer (IPP) whose contract is under review along with 29 other IPP contracts characterized by legal and financial problems.

It also hosts two communal small-scale mining applications and exploration permits (EP) application by the Jucsiano Philippines Resources for 6,845 hectares there, according to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).

Dulnuan said her next target was the 5,000-hectare domain claim by Aetas in Pampanga. The state-owned Clark Development Corp. is opposing the claim.

Payatas boys described as despairing

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Damayang Mahihirap (Kadamay).

The group, led by urban poor leader Carmen "Ka Mameng" Deunida, has been assisting kids from Payatas, Quezon City, since the landslide at the dump that killed more than 300 people in July 2000.

The 72-year-old Deunida, popularly known as "Nanay Mameng," will read the "Sona ng Bayan." She rose to fame for her fiery speeches in the anti-Estrada rallies before and during the Edsa II uprising.

Some 30,000 protesters belonging to the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan's 18 member-organizations are expected to join today's protest march on the Batasang Pambansa complex in Quezon City where the President will deliver her speech.

Similar protest actions will be conducted in Northern and Central Luzon, Southern Tagalog, Bicol Region, Cebu, Zamboanga and Davao City, according to Bayan spokesperson Renato Reyes Jr.

Other groups like Sanlakas, the pro-Estrada People's Movement Against Poverty (PMAP) and Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino, Kongreso ng Pagkakaisa ng Maralitang Lungsod will hold a separate protest rally in Quezon City.

The PMAP earlier vowed to mobilize 10,000 people, mostly residents of slum communities in Metro Manila.

Urban poor contingent

Unless rains flood the metropolis today, Alcantara said Jayson, Jomer and Erwin would join the 1,000-strong urban poor contingent from Payatas and Montalban and other militant groups in marching from Commonwealth Avenue to the Batasan.

The boys may also speak before protesters this afternoon to highlight the government's failure to deliver her "Sona" boys from poverty.

On July 23 last year, Ms Macapagal presented the boys during her Sona, vowing to fulfill their wishes for education, housing, livelihood and justice for victims of the Payatas landslide.

Their wishes were contained in paper boats sent sailing down the Pasig River more than a week earlier.

The government through the Department of Social Welfare and Development is assisting the children in their schooling. But the government has yet to do anything substantial about the other requests, according to Alcantara.

"Of course, we don't expect the government to grant the wishes overnight," she told the INQUIRER.

"But the President should show them that she would do something concrete about (the requests). She had told the people that the requests represented the priorities of her government," Alcantara said.

Jayson, Jomer and Erwin each received P16,000 for their annual scholarship, and P10,000 as seed money for their families' livelihood.

But equally important as the request for educational assistance are the much-needed low-cost housing program for Payatas residents and justice for the victims, according to Alcantara.

The victims, mostly children, are still caught in a P1-billion damage suit filed by the July 10 Payatas Victims Organization and Kadamay against ex-Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay and Jejomar Binay, former chair of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority. The trial has yet to start.

8,000 police personnel

The Philippine National Police (PNP) has announced that it will deploy 8,000 policemen for today's rallies.

"During the 2000 Sona, the PNP deployed 6,000 policemen and it resulted in the injury of hundreds of protesters. (Today), the PNP is deploying 8,000 men. Are they (police) gearing up for a more violent dispersal?" Bayan secretary general Teodoro Casiño said.

He said the point was not lost on protesters. "The government is doing to the Batasan Complex what it did to the Edsa Shrine last January—turn it into a garrison," Casiño said.

"While the President prepares to rain the nation with her accomplishments and new round of promises, we vow to lead thousands of workers, peasants, urban poor and other sectors in the 'Sona ng Masa' along Batasan Road, even if it rains," Sanlakas president Wilson Fortaleza said.

BMP secretary general Leody de Guzman said the BMP, PMAP and the other groups were joining the rally "based on (their) common opposition to the PPA (purchased power adjustment) and globalization and other anti-poor economic policies of the administration."

Other groups joining the Sanlakas-led rally are the Partido ng Manggagawa, Kalayaan, Sosyalistang Partido ng Paggawa, Woman Health, Task Force Detainees of the Philippines, Aniban ng Manggagawa sa Agrikultura, Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT), and the Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Manggagawang Pilipino.

Confess sins

The Promotion of Church People's Response (PCPR) advised the President to "go to confession" and admit her economic and political mistakes before she delivered her Sona.

Rev. Fr. Allan Jose Arcebuche, OFM, spokesperson for the PCPR, said the President "should confess her sins against the people such as her failure to junk the PPA and spare the masses from overpriced commodities and services."

Arcebuche said the President lied when she said that the passage of the Power Bill last year would mean lower power rates.

The highlight of the Bayan-led rally is the reading of the Sona ng Bayan at noon. As a sidelight, protesters in Quezon City will carry "pest control" instruments like a long "ByeGlo" spray—a pun on the insecticide Baygon—giant "*katol*" (mosquito coils), "*tsinelas*" (slippers) and flyswatters bearing anti-Macapagal slogans.

Bayan protesters will also burn the PPA Monster—"PPA," short for "Pesteng Pangulong Arroyo," an effigy depicting the President as a pest.

Also joining the rally is a contingent of Filipino-Americans protesting racist attacks in the Macapagal-supported US war on terrorism. Protest actions will also be held in the United States and Hong Kong.

In Davao City, the Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) said the nationwide protests against Ms Macapagal's Sona would be more vigorous than previous actions.

"We expect the mobilization to be more aggressive as we aim to gather a bigger number of people than the Labor Day rallies," Joel Maglunsod, KMU secretary for federation affairs, said. ***With a report from Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

'Peace with Muslims possible if God wills it'

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counter-lecture to Libyan Prime Minister Al-Jalloud on the practice of religion in a secular state. He had earlier written Ramos that "Peace is a gift of God and that no ingenious device of man can bring about peace unless God wills it." Stated otherwise, one might say God is the ultimate back-channel.

In a subsequent thanksgiving pilgrimage to Our Lady in Fatima, Melchor requested Fr. Hugh McSherry, chaplain of the Blue Army in Fatima, to write both Ramos and Misuari. McSherry wrote them his prayers for "the Graces you need from God in your valiant struggle toward your goal of a just and lasting peace."

Instrument of peace

Melchor saw in a uniquely gifted member of the Carmelite order an instrument of that peace. While she has chosen to remain anonymous, many may already have known her as a former journalist, an English professor at the University of the Philippines, and as one who entered the Carmelite Order at the age of 54. Aside from her fervent prayers for God's divine intervention that peace come to strife-torn parts of Mindanao, her role was necessary to build the trust and confidence the individual negotiating parties needed.

Misuari's second wife Eleonora ("Ruaida") had gone to the Melchor couple to convey her husband's request for assistance and her own request for their prayers for him. It was then that Melchor, as usual, served quietly as an intermediary to arrange for the Carmelite nun to go to Malacañang and talk with Ramos and Torres (who was Misuari's classmate at UP) about seeking alternative solutions to end the conflict in Mindanao. Melchor also succeeded in arranging to bring the other key players to the Carmelite Monastery on Gilmore Avenue in Quezon City to meet with the nun, in an attempt to help break the last remaining obstacle in the Jakarta Peace Talks.

On Jan. 16, 1996, Melchor came with Azzarouq to the Carmelite Monastery. They proceeded directly to the conference where the Carmelite nun was waiting for them, seated behind the iron grille that separated her from her visitors. Melchor seated Azzarouq in the chair directly facing the nun, while he sat on one side and left the other chair on the opposite side for Misuari's wife who would arrive later.

Direct question

Melchor began the discussions by asking Azzarouq, "What is your role here in the Philippines?" Azzarouq replied that he chose the Manila diplomatic post because he thought he could be of better help to his brother Muslims here.

Melchor followed up with another direct question: "Would you agree that any peace accord reached in Jakarta will supersede the Tripoli Agreement?" After some hesitation and reflection, Azzarouq replied, "Yes." It was then that Melchor asked Azzarouq to try to convince Misuari to stop always invoking the Tripoli Agreement. In Melchor's view, this was the obstacle that had to be overcome because it had been overtaken by new realities. Melchor recalled McSherry's homily on the Apostle Paul and told Azzarouq, "Tell Misuari to stop acting like the Jews whom Saint Paul admonished for being too legalistic in obeying the Laws of Moses and too preoccupied with observing their religious rituals. What is important is what is best for the people."

Several months later, Azzarouq informed Melchor that his government had invited Misuari to Libya, and after 10 days of intensive discussions in May 1996 was finally able to convince Misuari (and probably themselves, Melchor said later) to stop invoking the Tripoli Agreement. Having overcome that obstacle, Melchor felt an obligation to help Azzarouq who had stuck his neck out to reach an eventual Jakarta accord.

This is where Melchor's brilliant strategic thinking came in. As early as November 1995, he was already grappling with the "special economic zone," particularly the Subic model, as a formula to break the deadlock on "the transitional implementing structure and mechanism." He saw something in Richard Gordon's idea of an "Autonomous Region of Greater Olongapo" that could be applied to get around the MNLF's provisional government demand. He sought to highlight the economic and downplay the political. He transmitted this formula in a memorandum to Ramos who had previously appointed him to a Council of Peace Advisers.

Melchor's formula

Eventually, the formula found shape in the Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development (SPCPD) in a Special Zone of Peace and Development (SZOPAD). The SPCPD concept, especially the council aspect of it, has been credited to then National Security Adviser Alexander Aguirre and Deputy Speaker Simeon Datumanong whose proposals came out in April 1996. The SZOPAD combines the concept of special economic zones and peace zones.

Melchor was very concerned about the need for an "economic annex" to the 1996 Final Peace Agreement with the MNLF to make it work. He exerted extra effort to work out this "economic annex" despite his already fragile heart condition and the added pain due to his cancer of the spine. It was part of this effort, as well as for old time's sake, that he had a reunion with his old adversary Misuari under the most cordial of circumstances, in a dinner he hosted at Melo's Restaurant in San Juan on Feb. 2, 1997—or 22 years after their Jeddah encounter.

Beyond economics and the alleviation of the condition of the poorest of our Muslim brethren, Melchor was constantly searching for leaders, whether Filipino or Moro, who had moral ascendancy. Because with moral leaders, the people would be better able to take the hardship and pain. Melchor had come to believe the thesis that religion was a missing dimension of statecraft in a secular state.

He had been parleying all these years with Muslims who believe in the integration of religion and politics in Islam. One of them, Datu Michael Mastura, who was a member of Melchor's 250-person all-Muslim Task Force which he organized in 1973 to develop policies, programs and projects for Muslim Filipinos, and who is now a peace negotiator for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, gave what could well be a perfect epitaph for Melchor: "God gave him the chance to touch our people's lives with good memories."

Businessmen see economic recovery by 2004

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recovery "expected to be slow," businesses don't feel bullish and are "hedging" on their investment plans to expand their workforce and operating capacity.

Forty-seven percent said they would expand their workforce "only in one to two years." Fifty-seven percent said that they planned to expand their present operating capacity within the same period.

The executives were asked to rate current business conditions in the second quarter of 2002 on a scale of 10, with 1 being the "worst possible" and 10 the "best possible."

"The panel gave an average rating of 5.5, which may be interpreted as neutral. Fifty percent of the respondents gave a rating of either 5 or 6," Pulse Asia said.

It noted that business expectations were "significantly better for the third quarter of 2002," with 60 percent saying they expected business conditions to be "better," although a "significant one-third did not expect things to be different in the next quarter."

"Over a longer horizon of 12 months, business expectations turn definitely positive, with 83 percent stating general business conditions should be either 'better' or 'much better' within that time," Pulse Asia said.

Asked to rate the results of their actual business operations in the second quarter of 2002, the panelists "gave an average of 5.8" on a scale of 10, with 1 being "very bad" and 10 "very good."

Asked to rate expected results of their business operations one year from now, the businessmen gave a rating of 7.1.

Election year

"These results are in line with previous empirical work suggesting that private investment in the Philippines is typically held back immediately before an election year, partly because of political uncertainty," Pulse Asia said.

"Moreover, external events subsequent to the survey, particularly the continuing weakness in US equities markets and the prognosis of a longer-than-expected US recovery would appear to justify such caution," it said.

Pulse Asia also noted a significant degree of hedging among businessmen aside from the 47 percent who said they would expand their workforce in one to two years and the 57 percent who said they would expand capacity in the same period.

"The degree of hedging is evident in the large number who do not plan to expand operations in the foreseeable future, i.e., 33 percent and 23 percent for employment and capital expansion, respectively," the survey outfit said.

Employment

Businessmen also reported "unchanged employment and collections (57 and 60 percent, respectively)," in the immediate past quarter covering April-June, while 40 percent "reported higher sales during the period."

"These trends are consistent with the intuition that improvements in collections and employment (and ultimately investment capacity, in that order) will lag behind improvements in sales. Business will obviously await larger improvements in the leading variables before making major decisions," Pulse Asia said.

Asked when they expected the full recovery of the economy, the plurality of the panelists "either said that full recovery would occur only in 2004 or later (37 percent) or had no response (33 percent)."

Pulse Asia, however, noted positive expectations regarding key economic variables in the next quarter.

A total of 56.7 percent believe that the gross domestic product would "just approximate" that in the last quarter. One-third expected higher growth.

"There are majorities who believe that interest rates will be lower (56.7 percent); that the peso might strengthen further (60 percent); that inflation will be lower (53 percent); and that real estate prices will be about the same (70 percent) relative to last year's prices," Pulse Asia said.

De Dios said the panelists remained mutually anonymous, did not communicate with one another and were selected solely to be the representatives of the business sector.

The panelists came from the manufacturing sector (33.3 percent), finance and real estate (23.4 percent), trade (26.6 percent), including hotels and restaurants), utilities and other sectors (16.6 percent).

US broker to RP execs: Don't depend on foreigners

AN AMERICAN broker, one of the founders of the stock market in the Philippines, warned Filipinos not to hinge hopes of a recovery on foreigners, saying they were only fair-weather friends.

"Don't depend upon the foreigners to develop your market. Foreigners, they'll come and go. When they see things are not so good, they go. When they see there's an opportunity, they'll come," said Irving Ackerman, one of 10 founding members of a local stock exchange and also the head of one of the oldest brokerages in the country.

"So I always say . . . we must depend upon the Filipino people to build the stock market."

Despite ending the former administration's legendary financial mismanagement last January, President Macapagal-Arroyo has not been able to attract substantial foreign investments, due to persistent worries over security, politics, the fiscal deficit and a fragile economy recovery.

"Foreign money helps to kick-start the thing and it's good. But the trouble with foreign money, it comes in, it pushes up prices after a year or two because it buys big and then when it starts selling, the market collapses," said Ackerman. ***Reuters***

US action . . .

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Deportation has also acquired body chains to use on unwanted foreigners.

"This is simple reciprocity," BID chief Andrea Domingo said, explaining that the new policy will show that the BID has "learned" something from the INS.

Domingo said the BID was awaiting the arrival of 12 body chains that the agency purchased. She did not say when the chains would be delivered, but Domingo said she gave the order to buy last month after the arrival of the first group of Filipinos deported by the US Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The Filipinos, who were arrested and detained in various US cities prior to their deportation, were not only handcuffed but also bound in body chains throughout the entire 16-hour flight to the Philippines, Domingo said.

She said she found the treatment of the 63 deportees "too much," but said the Philippine government could not do anything because the use of body chains was in accordance with INS policies.

The deportees were escorted aboard a chartered plane by 16 INS security personnel. Their handcuffs were removed only when the plane reached Philippine air territory.

The US government, which has started a crackdown on illegal aliens as part of its antiterrorism campaign, is expected to deport more undocumented Filipinos working in the United States.

Domingo said deportees from the Philippines were compelled to take a commercial flight back to their countries because the BID cannot afford to charter a plane.

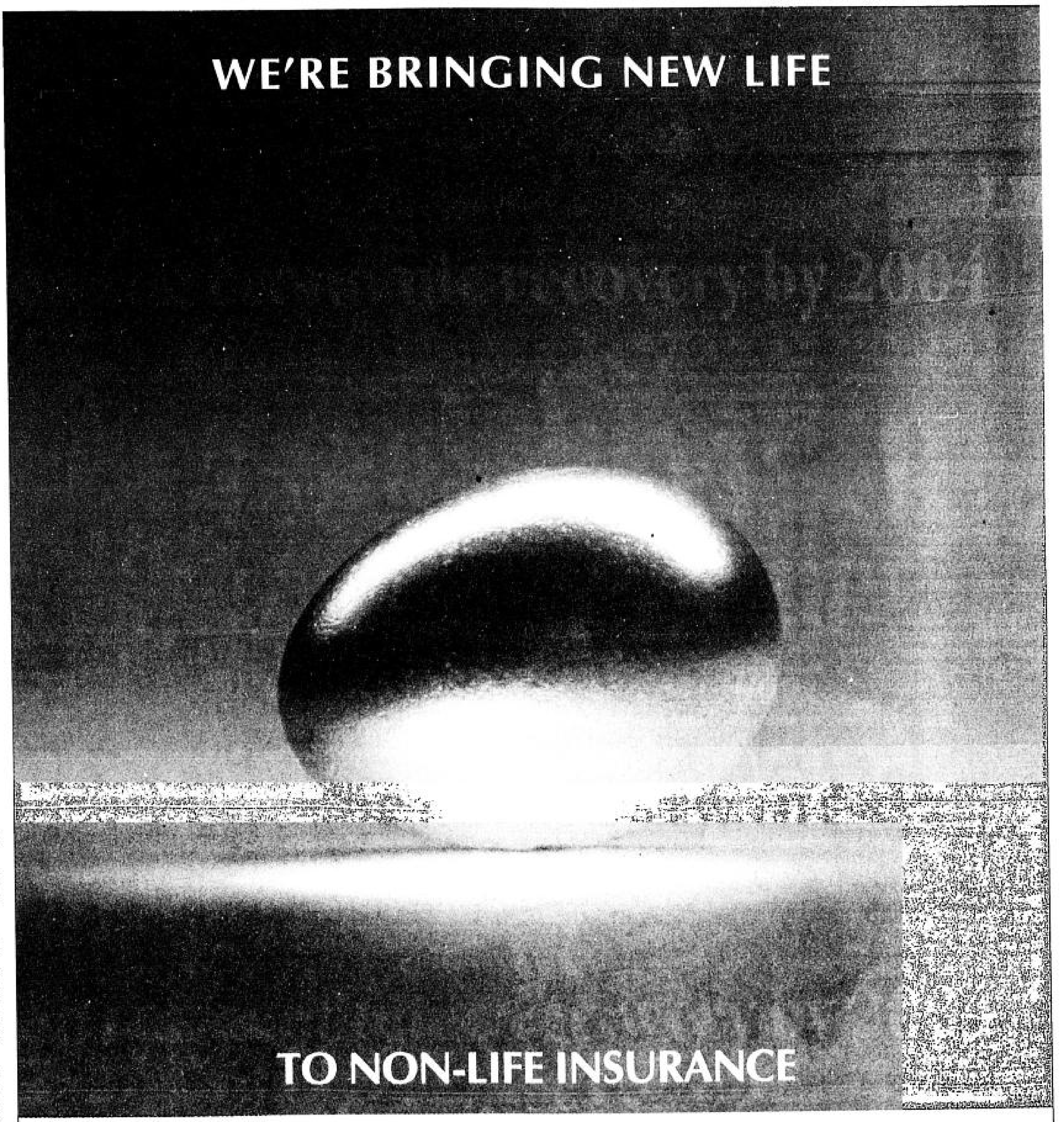
There are currently 132 illegal aliens and criminals detained at the BID jail in Bicutan, four of them Americans.

"These are also fugitives that are dangerous to other passengers, and yet we did not put them in body chains. Those Filipino deportees were already using a chartered plane, and still they were in chains," Domingo said.

She clarified that the BID would use body chains only on fugitives.

The BID recently launched a hunt for undocumented Indians who have been trooping to the country to do business even without permit but are able to enter in connivance with some Immigration agents at the airport.

The BID has nabbed 20 Indians since last month and are set to arrest 10 more on the list even as it keeps a closer watch on its own agents.



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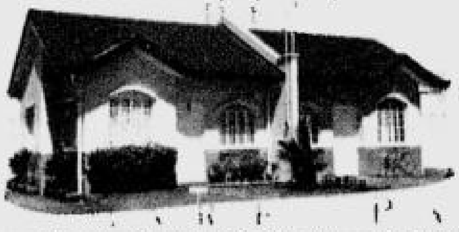

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Today, respectable surveys confirm not only a sense of drift, but also the widespread alienation of our people. Many of them, rich and poor alike, have expressed the desire to leave the country. These same surveys tell us that as much as two-thirds of our citizens have began to lose faith in democracy itself. *Marami sa ating mga kababayan ang dismayado na, mayaman man o mahirap. Ito ang tunay na State of the Nation.*

Even those who conspired to overturn the people's mandate have now openly expressed regret at the leadership they placed in power. *Nakikita at nararanasan na nila ngayon ang naramdaman ng milyon-milyong masang Pilipino sa Edsa Tres na ininsulto at malupit at marahas na binuwag at pinagkukulong.* Eighteen months ago, this small but influential sector said that by ousting the Estrada administration, the economy would recover. The records today belie that. Even statistics and figures no matter how cleverly manipulated cannot hide wretched lives or resurrect failed businesses.

Caught in the Asian recession, my administration inherited an economy where Gross Domestic Product had already declined to 1.1 percent. By 1999 however, this bounced back to about 5 percent with such sectors as exports and electronics rebounding, and agriculture improving. Inflation was cut down while our foreign reserves increased. By the second quarter of 1999, the composite index of our stock market had gone up to 2,487 points. Today, this composite index has fallen to as much as 1,150 points.

Maraming dayuhang negosyo, kalakal at puhunan ang umaalis ng bansa at lumilipat sa mga karatig bansang tulad ng Tsina at Thailand. Ito ay nasa record ng ating Board of Investments at mga export processing zones. Ito ay nasa record ng mga kababayan nating nawalan ng hanapbuhay at oportunidad. Ang kanilang pamumuhay ngayon sa ating bayan ay nakalutang lamang sa bangkang papel ng administrasyong ito. Ito ang tunay na State of the Nation ngayon.

Meanwhile, despite expensive promotions, tourist arrivals have declined to a negative 17.2 percent, from a record low of a negative 2.3 percent in the year 2000. Travel advisories of foreign goverments to their citizens, which had been initially confined to warning on visiting Mindanao, have now extended to the entire country.

Within the last 18 months, the elite and powerful have advanced their interests, effectively controlling goverment and its leadership. This is obvious in the arbitrary increase of power and water rates, which strikes hardest at the poor. The present goverment finds itself helpless in defending the large majority who are poor against the interests of those to whom it is now beholden for political power.

As President, these vested interests came to me to dictate their demands at the expense of the poor, but I refused. I have no regrets even if it meant temporarily losing the powers of the presidency because I know fully well that I have faithfully served the welfare and interests of the majority of our people. Today, the present administration lives in fear of these powerful business elites, seeking compromises to appease the outrage of the many, and only because of declining approval ratings.

Subalit ang pumapasan ng bigat ng pagbagsak ng ating ekonomiya ay ang mahihirap at hindi ang elitista. Sila ang nagtitiis na mahiwalay sa kanilang mga mahal sa buhay bilang overseas workers at nagpapasok ng dolyar sa bansa. Ang mga elitista ay patuloy ng naglalabas ng dolyar at yaman nila patungo sa ibang bansa.

If both citizens and investors now choose to leave the country, they have good reasons. The peace and order situation has terribly worsened. The present government has practically bartered the blood and sacrifices of the soldiers of our Republic to buy a shameful peace agreement for the secessionist movement in Mindanao. Not only has it allowed the whole world to regard our country as a satellite of international terrorism, it has blown up a band of criminal kidnappers into Al-Qaeda terrorists. The communist New People's Army also continues to gain strength, undertaking raids and commando attacks in various parts of the country. Criminality is now on the rampage. Kidnapping cases have reached record high. Even the Philippine National Police cannot deny this, as it registered a hundred percent increase in kidnap-for-ransom cases in the first year of the Arroyo administration. Law enforcers have become both protectors and perpetrators of drug dealing, hold-ups, armed robberies and other syndicated operations.

No economy can prosper in a political environment of widespread criminality and violence that thrive because of weak state response. Order is the first duty of the state and when government fails in this primary duty, law breaks down, and the economy collapses.

The public deficit has also turned from bad to worse. If we are to believe the administration's propaganda that they will keep up their promise of a deficit ceiling of 130 billion pesos for the year, then we have but 23 billion left to spend for the second half, with no expected increase in revenue to cover this. We cannot squeeze blood from stone any longer. And yet, smuggling remains rampant. Smuggling in rice, cars, cigarettes, and liquor including plastic products and other commodities has been the worst today in any administration since our independence.

Rhetoric cannot cover up for reality. A good spin cannot last beyond a day's banner headline. Truth will overcome cheap propaganda, for the common man, in the slums or in the countryside, knows the true state of the nation because he must endure its day-to-day struggles. *Alam nila ang tunay na kalagayan ng bansa dahil araw-araw nilang pinapasan ang hirap at bigat ng pamumuhay.*

Unfortunately, this administration and its rich and powerful supporters no longer have Estrada to blame. The State of the Nation today is not only in distress, but also in total disarray. It is a sick nation, slowly dying each passing day. It suffers today from the trauma of selfish and corrupt rulers, who preside over a partisan and politicized judiciary, a demoralized bureaucracy, a military sacrificed in the altar of politics and expediency, a self-righteous and self-centered church hierarchy, a police establishment dominated by hoodlums in uniform, and an oligarchy wanting in social conscience. Little wonder that we now have a president detached by an electric fence from our people. *Ito ang tunay na State of the Nation.*

We now have a house divided, and it is strange that we remain calm with patient confidence, that this inner war shall soon pass, and wash away the leadership that foisted itself upon us. As a great statesman once said, fondly do we hope, pervently do we pray that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away for we now must wait for the ultimate justice that only our people can render.

Paano natin malalampasan ang unos na ito? Ang sagot ay wala sa mga elitista, wala sa mga alagad ng simbahan, at lalong wala sa kasalukuyang pamahalaan. Ang sagot ay nasa kamay ng Masang Pilipino.

Ibalik natin ang tunay na demokrasya, kung saan ang pamahalaan ay nagsisilbi sa sambayanan at hindi sa iilan, kung saan ang tinig ng bayan ang siyang umiiral na kapangyarihan.

May God, in His infinite mercy, guide us in our quest for a truly just, peaceful and prosperous nation.

***Address of President Joseph Ejercito Estrada at the People's SONA, Club Filipino, San Juan, July 18, 2002**

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SPORTS

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Forrest beats Mosley, keeps title

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana—Unbeaten Vernon Forrest retained his WBC welterweight championship on Saturday with a unanimous 12-round decision over Shane Mosley. This fight had none of the fireworks of the first meeting six months ago, in which Forrest scored two early knockdowns and used an accidental headbutt to score a stunning upset of the previously undefeated Mosley. *AP*

Bustamante, Strickland dispute title

STRICKLAND

BUSTAMANTE

CARDIFF, Wales—The Big Breaker against the Trash Talker.

That would be an apt billing when Filipino Francisco "Django" Bustamante and American Earl Strickland dispute the 2002 World Pool Championship crown at the Cardiff International Arena here Sunday night.

Bustamante, perhaps the game's biggest breaker, beat Taiwanese Ching-Shun Yang, 11-7, while Strickland, who'd been asked by tournament officials to tone down, trounced Japanese Takeshi Okumura, 11-5, in Saturday's semifinals to earn the shot to the $65,000 (P3.25 million) top purse.

His decision to stay on despite the death of his eight-month-old daughter in Manila had endeared Bustamante to the packed crowd that gave him a standing ovation when he holed the final 9-ball into the right bag.

Strickland, on the other hand, engaged some fans and his quarterfinal opponent, Japanese Kunihiko Takahasi in verbal tussles before letting his cue do the talking in the semis.

"I think my daughter (Mariel) is with me. This tournament is for her," said Bustamante, who trailed in his last three games against fellow Filipinos Antonio "Nikoy" Lining and Efren "Bata" Reyes and Yang, but eventually prevailed.

Against Yang, the 24-year-old World Games Champion who routed former two-time champion Johnny Archer (11-2), led at 5-1 only to lag behind at 7-5 after the Taiwanese stringed four racks and won two safety battles.

Even then, Bustamante felt at ease and when Yang got hooked on the 1 and botched a safety try he never allowed the Japanese to return to the table.

"I'm playing for the Philippines now and there was a lot of support in the crowd for me. Yang is a good player and he hardly made any mistakes but I wanted to win very badly and I will be ready for tomorrow night's final," said Bustamante. "I didn't feel as much pressure against Yang as I did against Efren. I knew I needed just one more chance and that would be enough."

Against Strickland, a two-time winner here, Bustamante will have to play better in the race-to-17 final.

Ignoring the jeering of some fans, Strickland jumped to a 4-1 lead before scratching on the break. He padded it to 9-2 as Okumura missed a sitter before allowing the Japanese to put some semblance of a fight at 9-5.

"I haven't won this event since '91, but I'm playing great right now and the conditions are perfect. I've dreamed about this: Perfect dry conditions and me in dead stroke. Francisco's going to have a tough time beating me. He'd better come with eight or nine racks tomorrow night."

Again, Strickland may be trash talking. *Roy Luarca*

Els 72 gives him 2-shot lead

Woods collapses with 81 as winds lash Muirfield

GULLANE, Scotland--The real British Open began Saturday. The real Grand Slam ended.

Whipping winds raged off the Firth of Forth, spewing cold rain that sent Tiger Woods to his worst round as a professional — an 81! – and swept away his chances of winning all four majors in the same year.

Ernie Els survived with a 1-over 72, the best score among the final 10 groups that took the brunt of the brutal conditions at Muirfield. That gave him a two-stroke lead going into the final round, and a little more comfort knowing Woods was no longer in the picture.

"I can't take tomorrow easy," Els said after finishing at 208. "I've got to play as hard as I can, like I've done all week. There is a lot of work left."

Soren Hansen of Denmark shot a 73 and was at 3-under 210, while Sergio Garcia, Justin Leonard and 21-year-old Justin Rose were in the group at 211.

Woods was 11 strokes behind, far enough to offer a rare concession when asked whether his bid for the Grand Slam was over.

"Yeah, probably," Woods said.

WOODS plays from the rough on the first hole. AP

"There are too many guys between me and the lead. All I can do tomorrow is shoot a low number and see what happens. It was frustrating to put myself this far behind."

He wasn't alone in his misery.

Woods was among 10 players who failed to break 80 as the Muirfield links struck back with a vengeance.

"This is the British Open. This is the way the weather is supposed to be," said Scott McCarron, who joined former Open champion Justin Leonard as the only Americans among the top dozen players chasing Els.

Woods went through nearly 12 new gloves trying to keep his hands dry. Shigeki Maruyama ducked behind a wooden backstop on No. 8 to stay out of the cold, raw wind. Visors and baseball hats gave way to stocking caps.

The wind was so vicious that some players had to hit drivers on the 213-yard fourth hole, and still couldn't make it all the way to the green. Colin Montgomerie, who had a personal-best 64 in the British Open on Friday, was 20 strokes worse in the third round, the biggest turnaround in the 142-year history of the tournament.

The wind finally eased when Els got to the 12th hole, and he took advantage. He surged into the lead by hitting a 5-iron within 5 feet for birdie on No. 16 and reaching the par-5 17th hole in two shots to set up a two-putt birdie.

That's where Woods made his only birdie of the day. When his 4-foot putt disappeared, he raised both arms in mock celebration and took a bow. *Reuters*

3rd round scores:

208—E. Els 70 66 72
210—S. Hansen 68 69 73
211—J. Leonard 71 72 68, J. Rose 68 75 68, S. Garcia 71 69 71, S. McCarron 71 68 72, T. Bjorn 68 70 73, D. Smyth 68 69 74, S. Maruyama 68 68 75
212—S. Elkington 71 73 68, P. Lonard 72 72 68, T. Levet 72 66 74, P. Harrington 69 67 76
213—S. Appleby 73 70 70, D. Duval 72 71 70, L. Roberts 74 69 70, C. Perks 72 70 71, I. Garbutt 69 70 74, R. Goosen 71 68 74, N. Price 68 70 75, C. Pettersson 67 70 76, D. Waldorf 67 69 77. *Reuters*

ELS acknowledges the cheers of the crowd. REUTERS

Robbins moves up; Delasin 6 behind

VIENNA, Ohio—Kelly Robbins never thought her days of winning were over.

Robbins shot a 4-under-par 68 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Mi Hyun Kim heading into the final round of the Giant Eagle LPGA Classic.

Robbins, 32, hasn't won in her last 82 tournaments, dating to the first tournament of the 1999 season.

She began the day tied for the lead with Beth Bader.

Kim birdied three of the first four holes to take over the top spot before Robbins pulled even with a birdie at the eighth hole and then took over by herself with a birdie at the 14th.

Robbins won at least one tournament for seven years in a row, capped by a win in the HealthSouth Inaugural three years ago.

She hasn't won since, even though she has been a runner-up four times including in the Chick-Fil-A in May. Robbins stands 25th on the money list this year, placing in the top 25 seven times.

Her 68, following an opening 64, left her at 12-under 132.

Kim, who shot a 68 after a first-round 65, birdied five of the first 10 holes to take a brief two-stroke lead.

She was forced to hit woods and long irons to most of the greens on the wet Squaw Creek Country Club layout, still saturated after heavy afternoon rains during the first round.

Danielle Ammacapane shot a 70 and was at 135 along with Bader, who was 2 over through 10 holes but posted three birdies down the stretch to cap a 71.

Hall of Famer Beth Daniel shot a 69 to get to 137.

Two-time defending champion Dorothy Delasin mustered a 69 and was six shots off the lead at 138, while Jenny Rosales fired a 70, seven strokes adrift at 139.

Nancy Lopez, making perhaps her last trip to the tournament, shot her second 74 and missed the cut. AP

Quiazon, Chua shine in US

By Jong Arcano

FIL-AM Ria Quiazon is making big strides in her bid to boost her ranking in the US amateur standings after getting an invitation to play in the Canadian Open next month as well as a sure spot in the US Women's Amateur in New York.

A week after reaching the quarterfinals of the TransNational Women's Championship in Nebraska, Quiazon tied for ninth in the US Amateur qualifying at the Carmel Valley Ranch course in San Francisco. That was actually good for an alternate slot since only six slots were disputed.

But Quiazon's father Boy, told the INQUIRER, Quiazon was given an entry form just the same after the USGA decided to take the top nine finishers due to the strong field.

The Canadian Open stint was made possible by Quiazon's strong showing in the British Ladies Amateur where she also reached the quarters.

"I'm trying to reach my peak before I play the big ones this August. I'm glad to be getting good results from my summer campaign so far," said Quiazon, a junior at University of California-Berkeley who had played for several national teams the past two years including the Bangkok Asian Games.

Though nothing is clear whether Fil-Ams like her can still be seeded by the National Golf Association of the Philippines or not to the coming Asian Games in Busan, Korea, Quiazon said she'll try to be ready when the opportunity comes.

Quinzon had finished second to Heidi Chua in the Philippine Ladies Open at Wack Wack last January.

Same old story

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

I'VE always thought we'd learned our lessons from previous experiences in connection with the number of athletes and officials we have been sending to international meets. Obviously, I was wrong.

Take for instance this year's Asian Games in Busan, Korea. At the moment, sources say there are already 270 in the roster, including junketeers from the Philippine Sports Commission (16 at the latest count?), government officials, media people and assorted free-loaders. And with the entry deadline still more than a month away, it's a foregone conclusion that more and more athletes and officials will be added to the soon-to-bloat delegation that will take part in the Busan bash set for Sept. 29 to Oct. 14.

Why did I say more will join the trip? Because only recently, Philippine Olympic Committee secretary general Romy Ribaño said the POC executive board "may relax the strict criteria which the POC-PSC Task Force is currently using to screen the members of the national delegation." And true to form, the POC executive committee last week did approve an initial list of 164 athletes even as more aspirants are seeking (and sure of getting) slots in the delegation although they may not meet the qualifying standards except for the usual excuse that they need international exposure and carry strong chances of winning. I don't buy this pitch. The Asian Games are no longer for the athletes' international exposure; it is a sporting meet for honest-go-goodness competition where POC and PSC officials are duty-bound to send only the best athletes in order not to embarrass further the country before the eyes of the world.

"Masyado na tayong bugbug. Nakakahiya na talaga," said a broken-hearted taxpayer who is, like many others, more sensitive now to the country's performance abroad following a series of humiliating reversals suffered by our athletes even in the lesser-ranked Southeast Asian Games. The taxpayers are more conscious now about the medals our athletes would be winning since their money is being used for these games. And they want results, not empty promises, from sports officials whose upkeep they are paying for.

In the last Asian Games held in Bangkok four years ago, the Philippines sent more than 300 athletes but won only one gold medal, courtesy of little-heard Gandy Valle and Romeo Villanueva who topped the 9-ball men's doubles billiards event. The Philippines finished a disappointing 21 overall in the overall standings with a medal haul of 1-5-12 (gold-silver-bronze0, a big letdown which I hope won't happen in Busan.

JW GOLFEST
Executives, partners and friends of Duty Free Philippines took to the greens of Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in Mandaluyong for the 1st Duty Free golf tournament, a golf event organized in partnership with the number one selling Scotch whisky, Johnnie Walker. In photo at the tee-off are (left to right) Department of Tourism Undersecretary Ram Antonio, Vic Siso and Ramon Borromeo.

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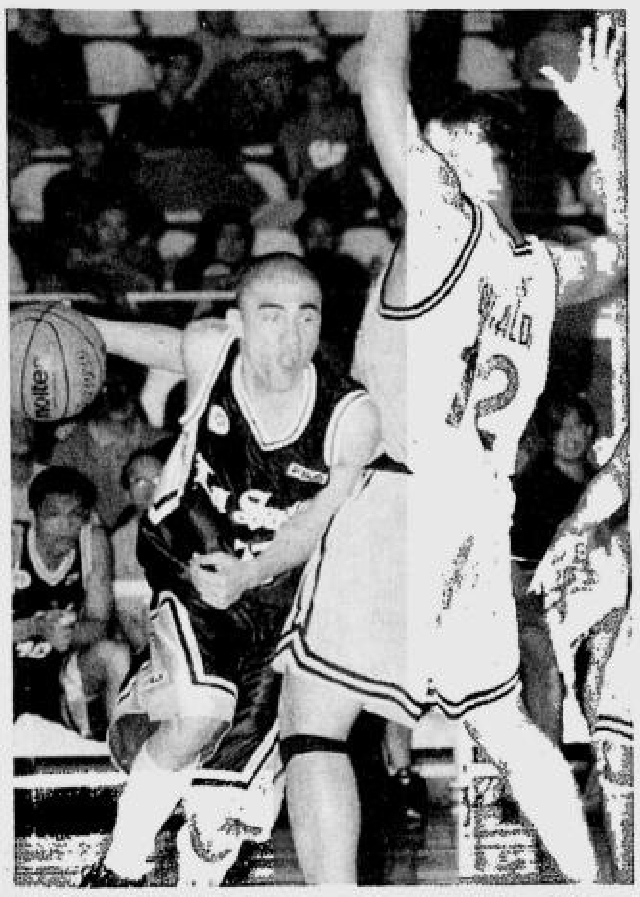
La Salle nips NU; UE wins



LA Salle's Mark Cardona (left) slips past Alfie Grijaldo of NU. The Archers won, 76-72.
VAL HANDUMON

By Dennis U. Eroa

DEFENDING champion La Salle survived National University, 76-72, while University of the East needed two overtimes to bring Adamson back to reality, 84-79, yesterday in the UAAP basketball tournament.

The Green Archers recovered from a slow start against the ferocious Bulldogs and overcame the dangerous Rizal Memorial Coliseum court made slippery by moisture brought about by the harsh weather.

Joseph Yeo's triple from the left flank from a Mike Cortez's pass gave La Salle a 71-70 lead. After a Froilan Baguion missed, Mark Cardona scored with his signature, high-looping shot which spelled doom for the Bulldogs, 1:05 left.

"The character of the team showed. Let's face it, NU played an A game,'" said La Salle coach Franz Pumaren. La Salle is now 3-0, while NU is 0-3.

Pumaren also batted for a change in venue in order to assure the safety of the players. " Not only La Salle, but even NU was affected by the court condition which is jeopardizing the safety not only of La Salle players but all the participating teams. This should be given priority by the league."

Earlier, Ronald Tubid clustered 10 points in the second overtime as UE downed Adamson. Regulation ended at 69-69 and both teams scored just two points each for the second extension.

UE 84—Yap 21,Tubid 18, Butel 12, Alminario 10, Estrada 9, Artadi 7, Hubalde 4, Tan 3, Masbang 0.

ADAMSON 79—Mamaclay 15, Hate 12, Tagupa 10, Mangulabnan 8, Ferrer 8, Tiongco 8, Gandarosa 7, Abadia 6, Alonzo 5, Tajonera 0, Rolan 0.

Quarters: 14-20, 36-32, 53-49, 69-69, 71-71, 84-79.

LA SALLE 76—Cardona 20, Sta. Maria 16, Yeo 12, Sharma 11, Cortez 10, Wilson 9, Ramos 2, Vainio 0.

NU 72—Grijaldo 22, Napa 14, Baguion 12, Mendoza 10, Cajayon 5, Tolentino 5, Santico 2.

Quarters: 16-23, 30-41, 54-56, 76-72.

Salary cap

NBA NOTES

Henry Liao

BLAME the intricate salary cap system and the dreaded dollar-for-dollar tax for the snail pace in this year's NBA free-agent race.

The free-agent signing period officially began on July 17 but only a few teams have opened their checkbooks so far and most of the players taken out of the open market are second-tier talents. Powerhouse teams like the LA Lakers and San Antonio Spurs, on the other hand, opted to re-sign their own free agents.

With the salary cap for the 2002-03 season set at $40.271 million-down from the $42.5 million of a year ago mainly due to a $100 million-plus decrease in guaranteed television money, thus resulting in the first decrease since the cap was instituted in 1984-85—and the luxury tax threshold figure now projected to be as low as $50 million (from $51 million), teams are expected to hold out for some time and wait until the players soften on their contract demands.

Moreover, 26 of the 29 clubs are over the salary cap. Only the LA Clippers (about $10 million), Chicago Bulls (about $6 million) and Detroit Pistons have significant salary-cap room.

MBA dribblers out

THE MBA selection bowed out of contention in the 25th Jones Cup following a 96-91 loss to Australia's Great Mates Team Saturday night at the Taipei Physical Education College Gym in Taiwan. With a 2-win, 3-loss slate, the best the Filipinos could hope for is third place in the eight-team tournament. That would happen if they beat China's professional team, SINA Lions, in their game being played at presstime and the Japanese national team at 5 p.m. today. *Roy Luarca*

Iverson makes public appearance since arrest

IVERSON

CAMDEN, N.J.— Allen Iverson let his supporters do all the talking.

Making his first public appearance since his arrest Tuesday, the Philadelphia 76ers' star signed autographs and mingled with fans, but didn't speak to reporters at his annual children's charity event Saturday night.

"He's a wholesome, decent, God-fearing young person," said Novella Williams, spokeswoman for Iverson's Celebrity Classic. "I stand committed with my other young women to free this young man from the powers of evil."

Iverson, the NBA's MVP in 2000-01, is accused of barging into his cousin's apartment with a gun and threatening two men while looking for his wife several hours before dawn on July 3. Police said Tawanna Iverson had checked into a hotel on July 1 after the couple had an argument.

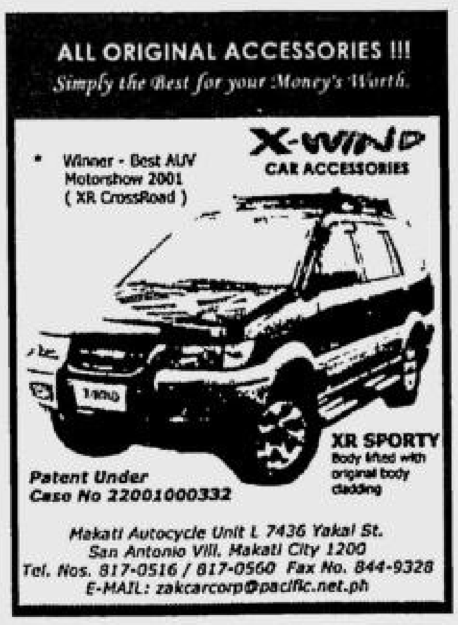
Tawanna Iverson attended the game with the couple's two children and the family left the stadium together.

Iverson originally was to speak to children at an afternoon rap session, but didn't arrive until about two hours before the scheduled game. Wearing a retro Philadelphia Phillies jersey with the No. 14, Iverson signed autographs for about 30 minutes and then disappeared into the locker room.

He emerged to loud cheers shortly before 7 p.m., waved his arms and pounded his chest.

Fans attending the celebrity softball game voiced support for Iverson.

Camden mayor Gwendolyn Faison thanked Iverson for raising money to benefit children in her city. "Don't kill the man. Don't down him. Give him a break," Faison said. *AP*



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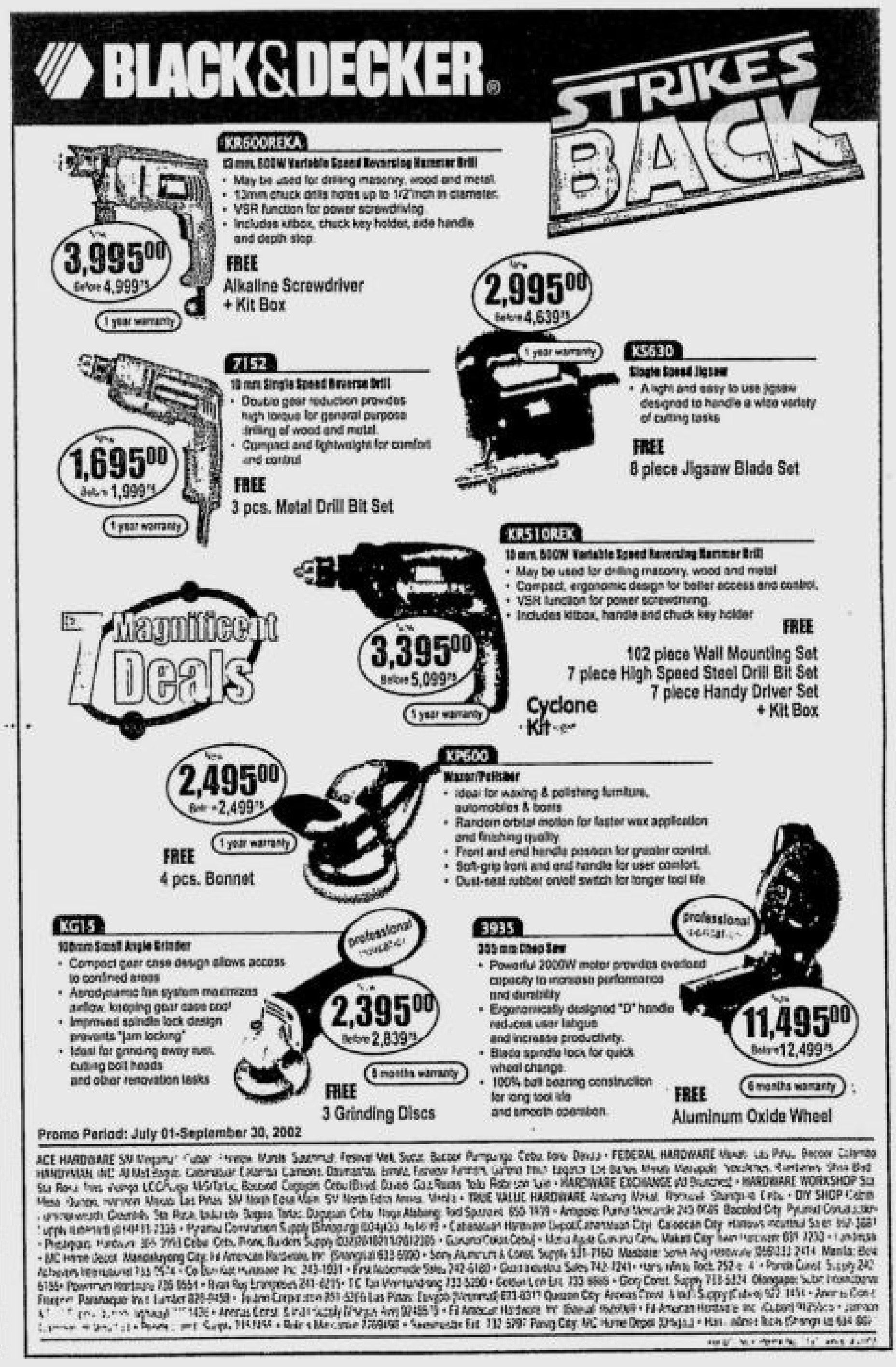

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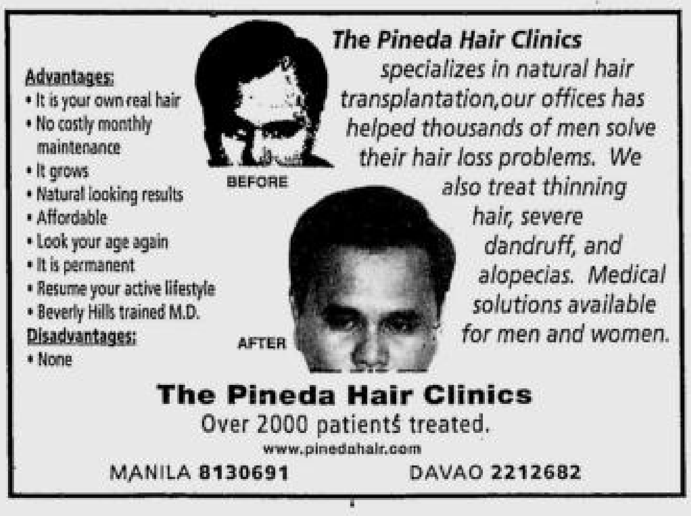

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Russian spikers triumph

RUSSIA tamed Brazil, 25-21, 25-15, 25-21, yesterday to rule the World Women's Volleyball Grand Prix Manila leg by a sweep at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Russians, who remained unbeaten in six games, won their second straight leg championship worth $40,000. They had earlier ruled the Chengdu, China stop of the series.

Earlier, Japan overcame a taller German side to prevail, 28-26, 25-21, 25-19, and grab the $25,000 second-place purse.

With Sassa Gonzaga and Luciana Nascimento leading the attack, Brazil proved tough in the first set but the Russians asserted their supremacy at the net to take control in the last two sets.

"Without its former star players, Brazil became weaker. But the power is still there," said Russia's Evguenia Artamonova, who was named Most Valuable Player.

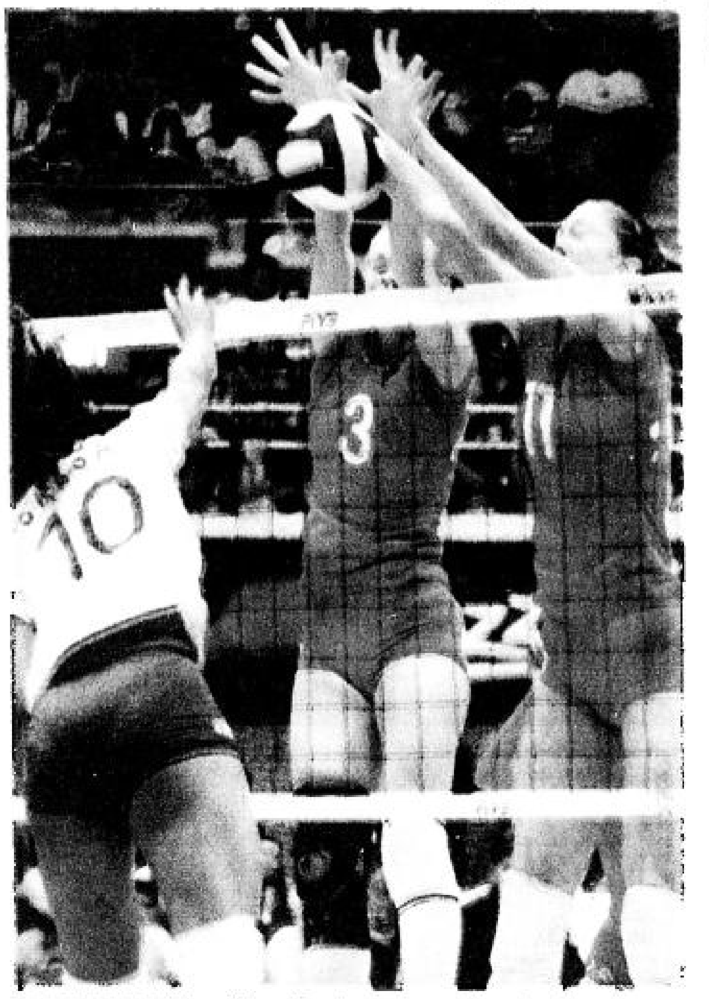
Germany landed third for $20,000, while Brazil got $15,000 as fourth placer.

Led by the pint-sized Miyuki Takahashi, Japan piled up the points by furiously attacking German's delicate frontline en route to the win.

"We just played well today. The players were in the mood. They (Germans) could not defend or block so we had an easier time scoring against them," said Japanese coach Masahiro Yoshikawa through an interpreter.

The Manila leg was supported by San Mig Light, Agfa Film, Red Bull, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Philippine Sports Commission, and adidas. Other backers are the Philippine Tourism authority, St. Monique-Valaise, Filmal Realty, Purefoods, Dari Créme Light, Nextel, Viva Mineral Water, Citibank, Kleenex and Kotex.

"We could not block and defend. We did not serve well. In the first set, we got unlucky breaks and then from that point, it got worse," said German star Anjelina Gruen.



ANASTASIA Belikova (3) and Russia teammate Ekaterina Gamova block a spike by Brazil's Welissa Gonzaga during their game yesterday. The Russians prevailed, 25-21, 25-15, 25-21, to win the Manila leg of the 2002 World Women's Volleyball Grand Prix at the Araneta Coliseum. Belikova was named the meet's best blocker. ERNIE U SARMIENTO

St. Benilde tackles Letran

GAMES TODAY
(Rizal Memorial Coliseum)
11:30 a.m.—MIT vs UPHR (Jrs/srs)
4 p.m.—CSB vs Letran (Jrs/srs)

UNBEATEN College of St. Benilde and Mapua will fight their rivals with a limp today in the NCAA varsity basketball tournament after eight players earned suspensions for getting involved in a riotous encounter last week.

Benilde key players Al Magpayo and Paolo Obeta are expected to lurk at the sidelines against the Letran Knights along with teammates Micah Evangelista and Joaquin Te after NCAA bigwigs tagged them as culprits in a near brawl.

The Cardinals, however, carry a much-heavier burden as ace playmaker Jeffrey Martin was slapped a three-game suspension starting with today's match against University of Perpetual Help-Rizal. *June Navarro*

Magical Mark rules 3rd leg

MAGICAL Mark unleashed a magical run to win the Horseman's Cup, third leg of the Triple Crown series, yesterday at the Santa Ana Park.

Only the fourth choice in the betting, Magical Mark started languidly but rallied mightily down the stretch to shock the favorites and snatch the P1-million winner's prize in the 2,050-meter race.

The Hermie Esguerra-owned filly (Unreal Zeal-Defarge), beautifully handled by Val Dilema, finished three lengths clear of second pick Cutting Edge, who nipped longshot Al Baraq by a nose.

Lance keeps lead

BEZIERS, France—Only the hot weather made Lance Armstrong sweat during the 13th stage of the Tour de France.

Saving energy for the race's grueling final week, the Texan was the 30th rider across the finish line in Saturday's leg, nearly 10 minutes behind winner David Millar of Britain.

But Armstrong made sure his closest pursuers for the title didn't gain any time on him. He kept his overall lead of nearly 2 1/2 minutes and remained on course for a fourth straight title when the Tour ends in Paris on July 28. *AP*

RP YOUTH CAGER

Hermes Sumalinog Jr. (middle) of the RP Burlington Youth unleashes a jumper during the team's recent tuneup game. The RP dribblers leave on June 28 to compete in the SEABA Junior Championship to be held in Malaysia.

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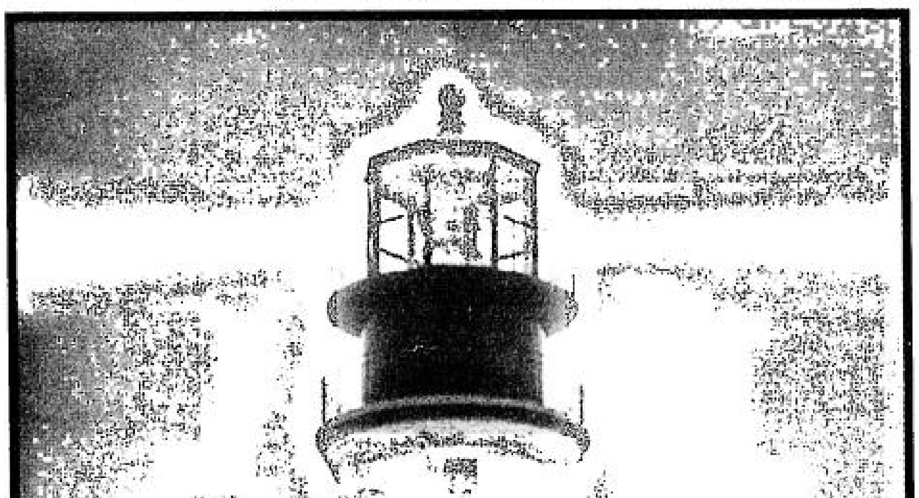

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NO REGRETS, says real-life action star Sonny Parsons. DENNIS SABANGAN

Police to file homicide raps vs Sonny Parsons

By Nelson F. Flores

POLICE will file today homicide and frustrated homicide charges against movie actor and former singer Sonny Parsons for killing two armed men and injuring another when they robbed his house and tried to shoot him and to rape his two daughters last week.

Parsons, 44, Jose Nabiola in real life, said he welcomes the charges, stressing that he has no regrets for what he had done. He said he would not hesitate to defend his family and their rights if they were threatened again.

Policemen said Parsons, a former Marikina councilor, would be charged today before the Marikina City prosecutor's office. But they explained that the filing of charges against the former member of the novelty singing group Hagibis is merely procedural and is meant to protect the rights of everyone involved, including the police.

Supt. Cipriano Querol Al Haj, Marikina City police chief, has assigned a security detail to Parsons and members of his family.

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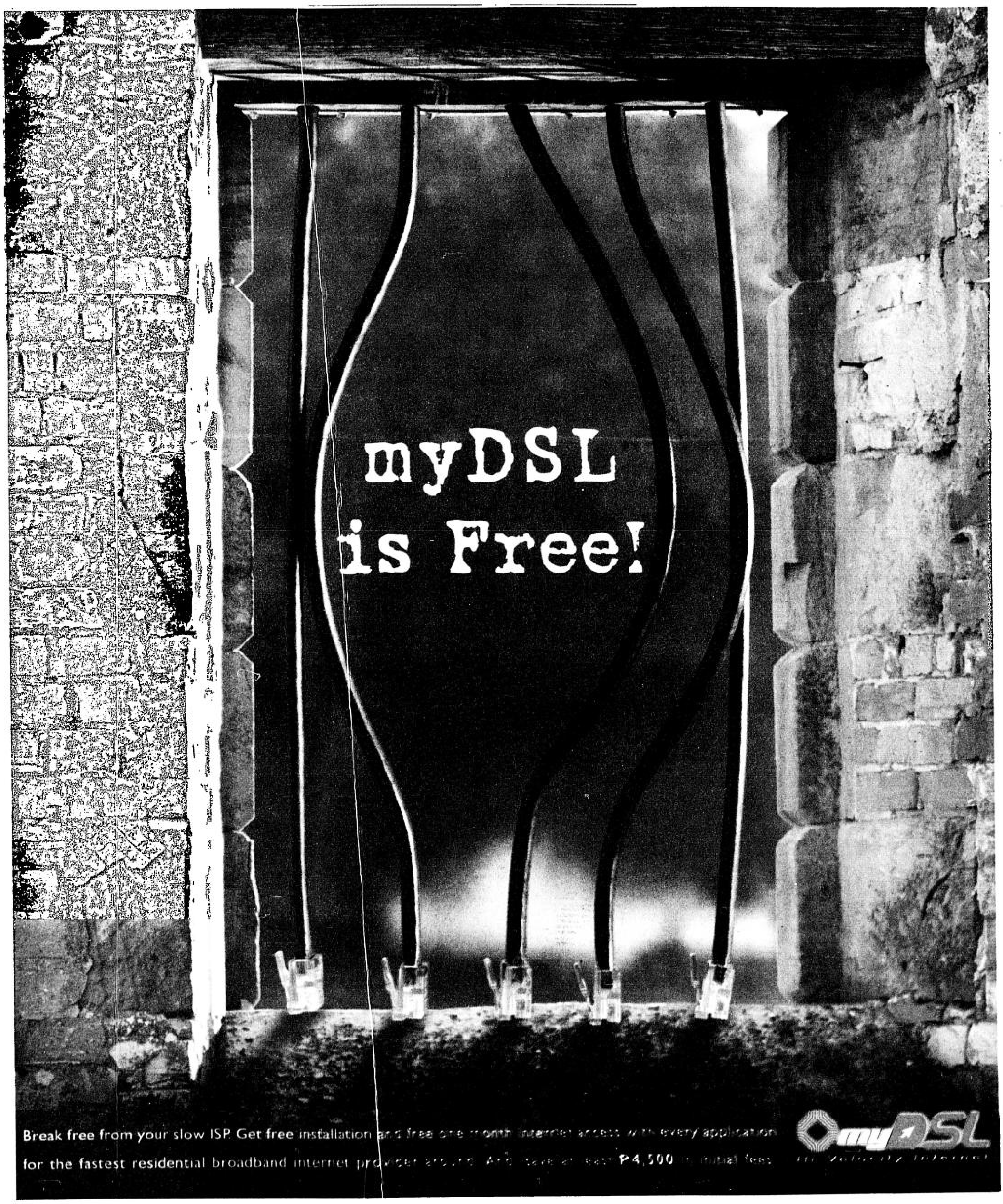

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Who sold NBI ID card to Japanese tourist for ₱40,000?

By Philip C. Tubeza

WHO SOLD a National Bureau of Investigation identification card to Japanese Mori Teruhiko?

This is what NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco wants to know when he ordered members of the bureau's internal affairs service to find out from whom the Japanese bought the NBI ID and badge.

Teruhiko, 31, made a scene at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport last week when he was not allowed to use a courtesy route for VIP passengers even after he brandished an NBI card at immigration agents. Instead, the agents ordered Teruhiko to stand in line.

But the Japanese repeatedly shouted at immigration agents for ordering him to stand in the queue. The immigration agents were left with no choice but to take Teruhiko to the interrogation room at the arrival area after he caused a commotion.

Wycoco said his men are now investigating who had recommended Teruhiko to be an NBI confidential agent.

While the Japanese was in the bureau's roster of confidential agents, Wycoco emphasized that his signature on Teruhiko's NBI ID had been "tampered."

Teruhiko allegedly paid P40,000 to become an NBI confidential agent.

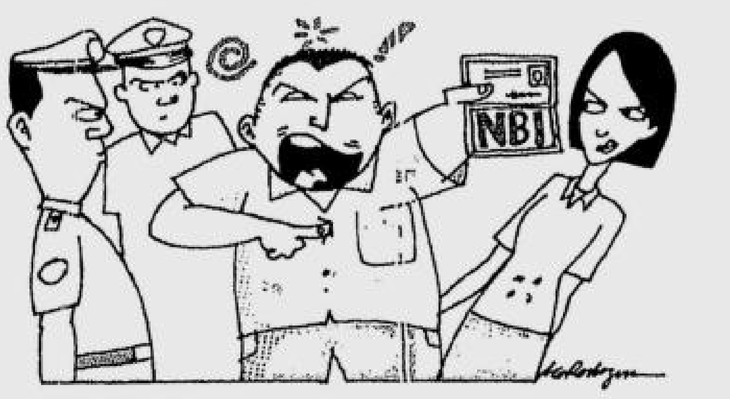
Wycoco said the Japanese had an application, but he did not approve it.

By making a scene, the Japanese already violated his status as confidential agent, Wycoco noted.

"As a confidential agent, he should be confidential," he said. "I am commending the immigration agents for what they did."

Besides the NBI badge and mission order as confidential agent, also confiscated from Teruhiko were a press card identifying him as a reporter of the local tabloid Alarma.

Terihuko said he paid P3,000 to become Alarma's "international correspondent."



Mounting a sports masterpiece among the foggy pines

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

HOW does a boxing mentor mount a masterpiece?

The great Angelo Dundee, a Manila visitor in 1975, had done it with Muhammad Ali.

Our very own Pancho Villa, born Francisco Guilledo and undisputably the greatest prewar Filipino boxer, was himself a ring masterpiece, a crafty, stone-fisted warrior who was admired all over the world.

We have no faithful record of Villa's growth inside the ring. Only an artful trainer and tactician could have carved him out.

Or, who knows, maybe Villa, no stranger to hardship and hunger, had been a product of his own tough upbringing, of his own self.

Anyway, I was in Baguio over the weekend where I met a man who is undoubtedly working on what could pass for a boxing masterpiece.

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Meet George Caliwan, coach of the national amateur boxing team to this year's Busan Asian Games.

Caliwan, a calm, soft-spoken former soldier, has a total of 36 national boxers housed in a white-painted dormitory at the Teachers Camp.

No, not all in the group of 36, who have been classified into ranks, are potential gold medal winners.

But by next month, Caliwan and his immediate boss, Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines president Manny Lopez, will handpick at least eight fellows for a most important national mission.

Big hopes, as usual, are being pinned on the members of the national boxing team.

But of the prospective RP team members, the country would be very, very lucky if three could succeed in their gold-medal hunt in Busan.

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For the record, the RP boxing team could only salvage a lone bronze medal, courtesy of featherweight Eric Canoy, the last time it participated in the Bangkok Asian Games four years ago.

That, naturally, was tagged a debacle because in the 1994 Hiroshima Asiad, Filipino boxers won a total of three gold medals.

Caliwan was there to call the shots for the successful RP team in Hiroshima.

Four years later in Bangkok, Caliwan was around, but this time he was coaching the Chinese-Taipei boxing team instead.

The Filipinos, on the other hand, was being handled by a Cuban mentor, Raul Liranza, a strict drill master who was given his walking papers after yet another debacle in the Sydney Olympics from where the Filipino amateur boxers returned empty-handed.

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Anyway, when we visited him in his temporary hide-away in Baguio last week, Caliwan appeared cock-sure he would be able to improve on the dismal showing of the Filipinos in the Asiad four years ago.

But that, improving on the one-bronze output of the RP squad in the 1998 Games, cannot be expected to excite him.

Why? Because the RP team, better known as Team Caltex, cannot earn plaudits if, say, it merely bagged two bronze medals in Busan. The team also cannot earn big praise if it wins only a silver medal.

Team Caltex, swears coach Caliwan, has a mission to go all out for the gold.

And Caliwan, as can only be expected of a dedicated mentor, appeared a man possessed.

He was not unlike an artist who has pitched camp in a secluded forest in order to complete a masterpiece.

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Caliwan bared that they have been at it since January.

Other than train solemnly in a camp where they could not be distracted by cheap mundane cares, he had also taken several team members to at least five international tournaments, having had scored quite impressively in their recent stints in Bosnia and Acropolis.

The Team Caltex dormitory, situated next to the Philippine Sports Commission track oval, sits among towering pine trees where the medal hopefuls enjoy fresh thin air, a must for their young lungs.

Stamina, needless to say, would be the least of their problem come the Busan Games, Caliwan assures.

He says he has programmed the boxers in such a way that they would be at their golden best for the Asiad in September.

A nutritionist is assigned to the boxing team which also gets a regular visit from a doctor.

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There is, however, a singular factor that fires Caliwan's optimism. It's the manner his fighters have been responding to a new breathing regimen, a mysterious discipline that had been shunned by previous Philippine boxing teams.

Caliwan picked the regimen from a veteran media man who accompanied the RP team during its last international stint in the Asian Amateur Boxing Championship in Malaysia in May.

Last week, the burly Caliwan, in shorts and T-shirts, demonstrated in the foggy dusk outside the dormitory kitchen how he has been injecting the very valuable breathing system into the style and habit of his wards. He stood erect, breathed deep and hard, then bent his body, his feet settled firm and lined straight in the way of all tested kung fu artists.

It was his way of assuring that nothing is being overlooked in his bold bid to correct a basic misconception among Filipino fighters.

Next time in the Asiad, our fighters will no longer be punching from the shoulders, Caliwan assured, they will be launching blows from the navel, a la Muhammad Ali and Bruce Lee.

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Naturally, the RP boxing team coach got a commendatory salute.

Caliwan was there at ringside when bantamweight Roberto Jalnaiz won the lone gold medal for the Philippines in the 1990 Beijing Asian Games.

He was there working for flag and country when RP won three pure, delightful boxing gold medals in Hiroshima 1994.

After a temporary absence, the coach his fighters have learned to respect and call "Master" has gone out and borrowed wisdom from the Chinese martial arts deities to breathe new life and vigor into the members of the national amateur boxing squad.

Coach Caliwan swore no stone is being left unturned in this renewed drive for the boxing gold in the forthcoming Asiad.

But hold it, he cautioned, if somebody from the PSC would bother to visit them in their Baguio seclusion any time soon, he would beg him for a laundry dryer.

He rued the fact that at least 40 residents of the boxing dormitory have to share the use of a run-down washing machine.

A pity, he said, because the boxers oftentimes have to move through the fabled Baguio cold bare-chested while they wait for their shirts to dry out there.

That, you bet, is not part of this program being followed to mount a boxing masterpiece.

Aglipay sued by 6 cops he transferred

By Jerome Aning

SIX MANILA policemen have filed charges against outgoing National Capital Regional Police Office director Gen. Edgardo Aglipay, saying he transferred them illegally.

SPO1 Luisito Aguilar, SPO1 Noel Vizcarra, SPO1 Noel dela Cruz, SPO1 Danilo Malibiran, PO1 Julius Garcia and PO1 Joseph Flores said they were reassigned to the Southern Police District despite the Commission on Election's ban on the transfer of police personnel during the election period.

They cited Comelec Resolution No. 4795, which provides that during such period, no policeman can be reassigned without its prior written permission.

They also charged Senior Superintendents Apolinar Albajera and Oscar Mariñas—chiefs of NCRPO's personnel division and directorial staff—with grave misconduct and violation of the resolution.

Aglipay, Albajera and Mariñas were all signatories of the transfer order dated June 4.

The policemen presented a June 28 certification issued by Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos, saying that his office did not receive any request for transfer from the NCRPO.

The complainants' counsel Fernando Rueda Perito said the Comelec law department had issued summons to the three police officials and had set a hearing on July 29.

The six—who come from the Western Police District's Station 7, 8 and 10—added that their reassignment order "had no basis in law and were reached without due process."

"We were religiously reporting for duty and we do not know what our offenses were," the policemen said in their two-page complaint.

They said that they were also not subjected to an investigation "where we could have defended ourselves under the due process."

"We are all Manila residents and our families have suffered emotionally, physically and financially because of the said order," they added.

"With their reassignment, the six policemen were practically deemed guilty of an offense, whatever that is," Perito told the INQUIRER.

He said that the six policemen appealed to the National Police Commission, which ordered Aglipay to rescind the transfer order on July 9.

But the NCRPO apparently did not heed the order and the policemen's reassignment was still implemented.

The Manila's Finest Brotherhood association, an organization of non-commissioned members of the Western Police District, has thrown their support at the six policemen.

Early this year, the MFBA squabbled with Aglipay for his alleged indiscriminate transfer of policemen who were absent, late in formations or who were not in proper uniform.

Trapped invalid drowns

By Agnes E. Donato

A BEDRIDDEN man died after he was trapped in his flooded room in Caloocan City shortly before midnight Saturday, according to local authorities.

Benjamin Pacis, 45, was inside the room that he and his sister were renting on Fourth Avenue in Grace Park when a nearby creek overflowed due to the heavy rain.

The water rushed into the room where Pacis was lying and rose to as much as six feet, neighbors said.

But while the neighbors were able to rescue the sick man's sister, Luzviminda Aguilar, Pacis himself was left in the room.

Neighbors said Pacis had been malnourished and had been bedridden for some time when he was trapped in the room.

Many parts of the Caloocan-Malabon-Navotas-Valenzuela (Camanava) area were again under water from Saturday night's rain.

In Caloocan, the flooded areas include 3rd and 4th avenues, Dagat-Dagatan Avenue, Gen. San Miguel Avenue and Samson Road near the Monumento area.

In Malabon, at least 20 families reportedly evacuated their homes.

In Valenzuela, 15 barangays, mostly in the first district of the city, were flooded.

In Navotas, North Bay Boulevard was also flooded.

Man dies in Quiapo motel

By Philip C. Tubeza

DRIVER Gil H. Espina, 25, and his girlfriend checked into a motel in Quiapo, Manila on Saturday night when rain was pounding the metropolis.

Espina did not get out of the motel alive. He apparently died of a heart attack while asleep in the motel room, police said.

Espina, of Fairview, Quezon City, died at the Quiapo Lodge along Quezon Boulevard, said Detective Virgo Villareal of the Western Police District homicide section.

Villareal said Espina and Maricar Dolfo checked in at the motel about 9 p.m.

The detective said that according to Dolfo, an hour after they checked in, she noticed that Espina, who was asleep, was "trembling and gasping."

"He apparently had a stroke," the detective said. "I asked her if anything happened between them but she said that they just slept."

When Dolfo could not wake up her boyfriend, she brought him to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Sta. Mesa, she said. Espina was declared dead on arrival, the detective said.

No external injuries were found on the victim, he added.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, July 22, 2002
St. Mary of Magdalene

1st Reading: **Song 3:1-4**
Gospel: **Jn 20:1-2, 11-18**

On the first day after the sabbath, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark and she saw that the stone blocking the tomb had been moved away. She ran to Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. And she said to them, "They have taken the *Lord* out of the tomb and we don't know where they have laid him."

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she bent down to look inside; she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, and the other at the feet. They said, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She answered, "Because they have taken my *Lord* and I don't know where they have put him."

As she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not recognize him. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and answered him, "*Lord*, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and remove him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him, "Rabboni"—which means, *Master*. Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me; you see I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them: I am ascending to my Father, who is your Father, to my God, who is your God."

So Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the *Lord*, and this is what he said to me."

Commentary

Mary Magdalene was the first disciple who announced the resurrection of the Lord.

At that time, Mary's testimony would mean nearly nothing not only because she was a sinner but more so, because she was a woman. But from that woman's first proclamation that the Lord is truly risen, we have believed two thousand years hence.

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Yet in their suffering, we see an unquenchable hope, a proclamation that love still exists and that truly the Lord is risen.

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Police to file homicide . . .

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Former Manila Mayor and interior and local government secretary Alfredo Lim offered Parsons his services as a lawyer.

Records showed that Parsons was asleep in his house at the corner of Bronze and Rainbow Streets in SSS Village, Barangay Concepcion Dos, when six armed men broke into his house on Thursday.

Parsons said he woke up to a .357 pointed to his head. He said the man holding the gun had pressed the trigger, but the weapon apparently jammed.

The suspects then hogtied Parsons, his wife and their three children, but forgot to tie the hands of their housemaid, he said.

He said the robbers, who spoke Bicolano and Waray, ransacked the house and managed to take P133,000 cash from a cabinet in the master bedroom, several pieces of jewelry, cell phones, Parson's wallet and a video camera. The robbers then turned on his daughters and tried to rape them, but he talked them out of it, the former actor said.

He said he managed to convince the robbers to leave his house by telling them that Marikina policemen were arriving to have breakfast with him.

The robbers left but they commandeered a passing jeepney. But Parsons managed to free himself with the help of his maid, took his .45 pistol and went after the robbers. He engaged the robbers in a shootout and killed one of them with a gunshot wound to the head and slit the throat of another after a brief struggle with a knife the suspect had wielded.

Parsons also injured another suspect, Joram Gacete, 24, of Batasan Hills, Quezon City, who was brought to the Amang Rodriguez Medical Center where he is now in stable condition.

Gacete denied he was involved in the incident but said he could explain why he had a .38 revolver in his pocket, police said. The other suspects escaped.

Police found at the scene of the shootout two .38 revolvers, a .22 caliber pistol, a .357 pistol, two cellular phones and a Sony video camera.

The slain suspects are still unidentified.

Parsons earned praises from different sectors of society, including Sen. Robert Barbers, for defending his family

Dante Jimenez, chair of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption, said what Parsons did was an act of self-defense.

Yesterday, Jimenez called for the arming of peaceful and responsible citizens as a deterrent to crime.

Jimenez, citing the experience of Parsons, said every citizen has a constitutional right to defend himself or herself from all forms of unlawful aggression.

He added, however, that the government should see to it that only responsible citizens are allowed to bear arms, through reliable tests, including a neuro-psychiatric examination and a drug test, before issuing them licenses and permits to carry firearms.

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Wish fulfillment romp for adolescents and teens

VIEWFINDE

Nestor U. Torre

"BIG Fat Liar" is a film after adolescents and teenagers' hearts. Its protagonist, 14-year-old Jason, is an inveterate liar who thinks that his prodigious gift of gab and imagination will get him out of the tightest predicaments.

Jason finally gets his comeuppance when he is required to do a composition for his English class, and the paper falls into the hands of a nasty Hollywood producer, who plagiarizes the story and is about to turn it into a big blockbuster film without crediting Jason for the original material.

Jason (played by **Frankie Muniz**) swears that he did write the paper, but neither his teacher nor his parents believe him. Like the boy in the cautionary legend, he has cried "Wolf!" once too often, and the only way people will believe him again is if he can get the producer to confess to having filched his paper.

So, Jason and his female bosom buddy fly off to Hollywood and try to pin the evil producer down to make him 'fess up. Alas, their mission proves to be much more difficult than they thought, because the producer (played by **Paul Giamatti**) is as stubborn as he is nasty.

In the end, of course, Jason gets the apology he's been angling for, but not before things get comically out of hand, and his young life is in danger.

How does pint-sized Jason triumph over the big, bad producer from hell? By getting the help of the scores of other people in Hollywood who have also been shafted by the evil ogre. We can all learn something from that, no matter how old we are.

"Big Fat Liar" is generally a fun movie to see, and is at its best when Frankie Muniz tries to get the goods on the producer. The two leads' scenes crackle with comic animosity, and they play off each other with zest and brilliance.

But the film falters when it comes to believability. Its teenage lead is able to gain an advantage over his powerful foe that would be difficult if not impossible to achieve in real life.

So, the movie ends up as a wish-fulfillment romp for adolescents and teenagers. According to its facile and fantasticating script, they can do anything they want as long as they're in the right. They can get into the producer's inner sanction as easy as pie, they can fool around with his toiletries, and constantly make their day by ruining his—what a fantasy!

Despite this lapse, however, "Big Fat Liar" can be enjoyed in spots, and it's a terrific star-making vehicle for wee Frankie Muniz, who could become this film generation's **Mickey Rooney**—and then some.

On the National Geographic Channel

AT 9 p.m. today, July 22, "Homosexual Behavior in the Animal Kingdom" explores the various ways that gay behavior is perceived among animals, through courtship, affection, sex or same-sex parenting.

According to recent scientific research, more than 450 different kinds of animals engage in some form of homosexual activity.

Meanwhile, every Friday at 10 p.m., the reality TV show, "Chasing Time," features contestants who are dropped off in an unfamiliar city and challenged to find a number of things or visit places that are off the beaten track. Winners get a weekend stay in the city's finest hotel.

On July 26, "Chasing Time" goes to Dublin with Norwegian friends **Irene Tronvik** and **Ina Sassoon Abraham**. They expect to encounter the lush green fields and misty Celtic imagery described in travel books. Instead, they find a young, vibrant, cosmopolitan city.

As they go about completing their challenges, Irene and Ina track down two of Ireland's most famous literary sons, **Oscar Wilde** and **Samuel Beckett**.

They also taste the famous black and white stout brewed at the Guinness Brewery, take part in the Gaelic sport of handball, seek out the street musicians in the city center, reenact a bit of 15th-centuy history, and kick up their heels for some Irish set dancing.

Feedback

FROM **Loi Landicho** of Rizal Village, Makati: "Entertaining but substantial talk shows are a rarity these days. Thus, it's truly sad to learn that 'Private Conversations with **Boy Abunda**' has ceased airing on the VHF channel. Now, non-cable subscribers have to contend with nighttime inanities like 'Verum Est' and 'Sapul Ka Diyan.'

"People will miss much: revealing stories of show biz denizens; surprising disclosures by political figures, and at times, sacrosanct conversations with people like **Neale Donald Walsch**. And yes, it was on 'PCBA' where we learned that when **Cecile Licad** plays **Chopin** or **Brahms**, she prays.

"I have access to cable TV, so my rendezvous with 'PCBA' on ANC will continue. But I pity those who do not. I just hope that ABS-CBN will realize what it has done: a disservice to the Filipino viewer."

'Dogs with Jobs'

THE National Geographic Channel's "Dogs with Jobs" (Wednesdays at 8 p.m.) features in its July 24 telecast Kilu, a Catalan sheepdog who herds sheep in the Spanish Pyre-nees.

Another hard working canine is Turbeaux, a Mondio ring sport champion, who competes in climbing walls and jumping hurdles, and protects its handler from attack.

Finally, meet Ruby, an eight-year-old Rottweiler that helps its owner, **Daphne Lewis** promote the new sport of dog scootering, as it pulls her around the city.

New British rock group to perform in Manila

SHOWS

A NEW British rock group D'Raven is coming to Manila to share their music to local listeners.

D'Raven is composed of talented members Jim Paoli and Frank Paoli who are identical twin brothers with an Anglo-Italian heritage, Alex de la Fuente who hails from the Philippines and Dave Underwood who is English. They describe their music as contemporary rock.

The Institute University Magazine of London calls their music "dark, raw and passionate."

Forming the band was accidental. James and Frank who were students of the Academy of Contemporary Music, were so eager to form a band and were desperately looking for another member.

While at work, Frank was introduced to Alex who happened to be a bass player and is now enrolled in the same school of music where the twins came from. A chance meeting between Jim and Dave, who plays the drums and percussion, concluded the lineup and the D'Raven was born.

The band's name was taken from the movie "The Crow," where the late Brandon Lee played the character of Eric Draven.

Although D'Raven has yet to release their debut album, the talented young musicians have done film and TV soundtracks. They wrote and performed all the songs in the experimental film, "Reaper," which was previewed at the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

D'Raven will do a series of bar tour and free concerts in Manila and other key cities in the country from July 25 to Aug. 22.

For more information, call Yeng Mabiog at 437-0443 or 437-0439.

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Proceeds of the show will fund the Rotary's initial projects for Sitio Sto. Niño in Barangay Cupang, Muntinlupa, a community of about 3,000 individuals who live below the poverty line.

The Rotary Club of Makati Buendia has adopted Sitio Sto. Niño as beneficiary of its projects.

The Side A band will perform a varied repertoire, spiced up with rib-tickling sketches by comedienne Marissa.

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Planas fires again

By Christian V. Esguerra

NAYONG PILIPINO Director Charito Planas yesterday fired another volley at employees of the theme park.

Planas warned that several Nayon employees would not receive their separation pay and other terminal benefits for "illegally" releasing the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 master plan.

The plan, which supposedly showed that the theme park should not give way to the airport project, was presented in a recent court hearing on a petition to stop the closure of the theme park.

Planas said the release of the plan was a criminal act.

"If my employees would do it again, I wouldn't sue them, but they wouldn't receive their separation and terminal benefits," Planas said.

She said at least eight employees, including her three secretaries, are suspected of releasing the plan. She said the "prime suspect" is the theme park's engineer since "only he has access to the master plan and he knows all its details."

The eight employees have yet to accept the notice of separation from Nayon authorities following the park's closure last June 25, Planas added.

Park concessionaires led by lawyer Oliver Lozano presented the Naia master plan during the July 10 hearing of their petition to stop the closure of the Nayong Pilipino.

Lozano yesterday said the plan showed that the park should not be closed, its trees uprooted and its structures demolished, since the new terminal's taxiway was not supposed to pass through it.

"They (park officials) really just want to destroy those created by Imelda Marcos, particularly the Nayong Pilipino," according to Lozano, a known staunch supporter of the former First Lady.

But during the July 10 hearing, Naia 3 project manager Florencio Montalbo Jr. said the master plan presented by Lozano was old and incomplete.

GOODBYE, CALOY JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Friends and fellow journalists of former INQUIRER photographer Caloy Sanchez attend a Mass where his cremated remains are blessed at the Pope Pius XIII Center in Ermita, Manila. Sanchez died last week at 49.

Navotas police honored anew

THE NAVOTAS police station was again named Best Municipal Police Station in the National Capital Region by the National Police Commission and the Philippine National Police for the first quarter of 2002.

Police chief Supt. Roberto Villanueva said the peace and order situation in the town in the northern end of Metro Manila is the main reason why Navotas has won the award for the third time.

The National Capital Region Police Office headed by Police Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay presented the award to Villanueva.

The town's police force also won the Best Municipal Police Station of the Month plum in the last quarter of 2001.

"For the past few months, there have been no sensational crimes in the town," Villanueva said in a statement. "The success of police operations against vice also contributed a lot."

In the same statement, Mayor Toby Tiangco said: "This third award only confirms the dedication of the town's policemen." Tiangco cited the need to return the control over the police to local government as recommended by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

"The police will perform even better if it is under the supervision of the municipal government," Tiangco said.

Navotas has 119 police officers to protect and serve a population of close to 300,000.

Tiangco has donated to the police force nine patrol cars and two motorcycles and has converted a cargo container into an air-conditioned police detachment.

Dengue drive

By Jerome Aning

ACTING on orders of Mayor Lito Atienza, the Manila Health Department and other local agencies have stepped up the campaign against dengue fever.

The MDH, headed by Dr. Florante Baltazar, said the three-pronged campaign includes prevention, monitoring and treatment.

Prevention includes the clearing of debris and stagnant water as well as fumigation in all barangays to prevent the breeding of larvae of the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, the carrier of the disease.

The health department said it is using the Aedes Mosquito Larvitrap Surveillance, an innovative and cost-efficient approach to the extermination of dengue-carrying mosquitoes.

The method uses ordinary implements such as a tin can and a 1-by-5-inch wooden board to make the "larvitrap." The can is half-filled with water and the wooden board is placed vertically in the can. The larvitraps are placed in strategic locations in barangays and are monitored by teams to measure the density of larvae or eggs of dengue-carrying mosquitoes.

One team, composed of 25 health personnel, is assigned to each of Manila's six districts.

Price watch in LP

LAS PIÑAS City Mayor "Nene" Aguilar has directed the local price monitoring council to closely watch the prices of basic commodities in local markets and stores to protect the residents from unscrupulous traders who take advantage of the bad weather.

Aguilar made the order following the announcement of the National Food Authority and the Department of Trade and Industry that prices of rice and basic commodities should remain stable despite the calamity.

The NFA price monitoring team said from the first week of May to the first week of July, the retail prices of regular and well-milled rice posted a minimal increase of only 56 centavos (regular) and 51 centavos (well-milled) per kilogram.

The DTI said that while there has been an increase in the prices of vegetables, fish and other unprocessed goods, the prices of processed products, such as cooking oil, milk and canned goods should remain stable.

Aguilar warned traders to stop hoarding products, using tampered weighing scales and colored lights and violating the price tag law.

The mayor ordered the installation of a standard weighing scale or "Timbangan ng Bayan" in all wet markets in the city to make sure consumers are not cheated.

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Encore for 'Illusione' at Star Theater

AFTER a record-breaking run at Onstage Greenbelt early this year, Bahaghari Productions brings back the music and magic of "Illusione" in an encore at the newly opened Star Theater at the CCP Complex.

"Illusione" captivated audiences with its dazzling display of lights and costumes in scintillating production numbers that showcased some of the finest impersonators in the land.

Among the most-applauded numbers were the black divas medley which featured famed stylist James Cooper as Diana Ross, the hilarious "Swan Lake" suite featuring world-class choreographer Douglas Nierras as Odette, the Broadway Suite with excerpts from such Broadway hits as "Pippin," "Sweet Charity," "Gypsy," "Mama Mia," "Sunset Boulevard" and "Hello Dolly," among others.

In "Illusione . . . Encore," Bahaghari Productions brings back the best of "Illusione," with new characters like Marilyn Monroe, Chaka Khan, Barbra Streisand, Liza Minneli, and a drop-dead gorgeous Zsa Zsa Padilla.

"We were so happy with the audiences response to 'Illusione' so in keeping with Bahaghari's thrust in giving quality entertainment to everyone, we bring back a more exciting and more explosive performance," says Bahaghari Productions president Margie Moran Floirendo.

"In the 'Encore,' we've retained the original concept of the show, but we've added more characters and more numbers that will surely captivate the audiences once again."

"Illusione . . . Encore!" will run at Star Theater starting Aug. 16. Other show dates are on August 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Sept. 1.

The show will also have performances in Davao City on Aug. 2, 3 and 4; Cebu City on Aug. 9 and 10; and Pampanga on Sept. 6 and 7.

Interested block-buyers may get in touch with Bahaghari Productions at 687-0990 or 687-1281.

For ticket reservations, call Ticketworld at 891-5610.

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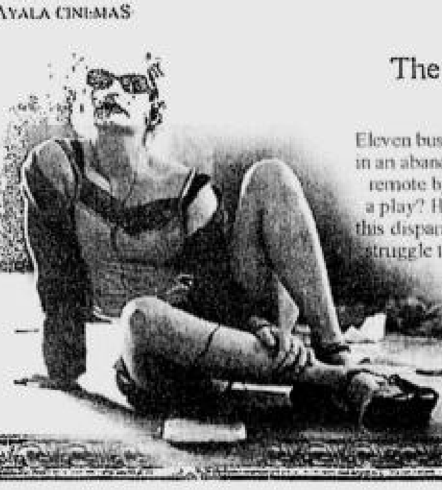

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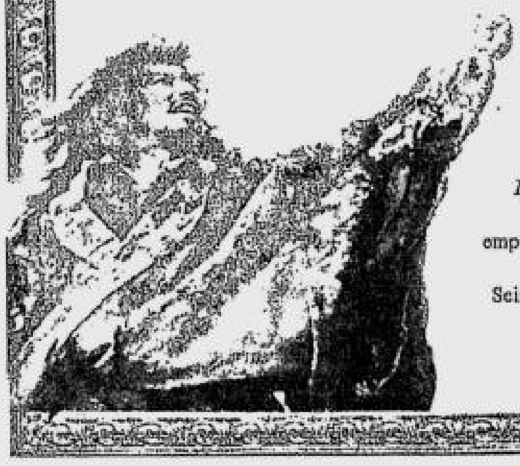

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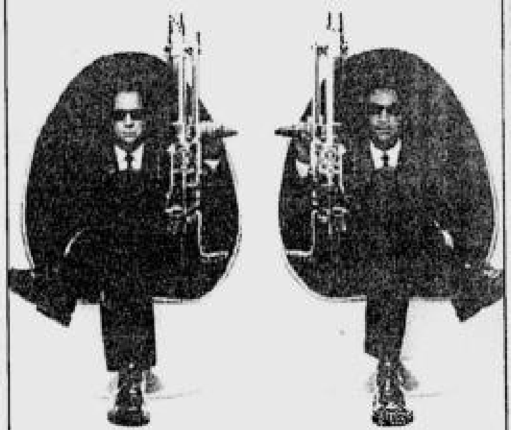

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Mother Lily wants a Joey-Kris movie

THE ROMANCE of **Kris Aquino** and Parañaque City Mayor **Joey Marquez** might soon turn from real to reel—if Kris finds the time to do the movie that Regal Films is proposing.

Mother **Lily Monteverde** asked Kris to star in a comedy with Joey, under the direction of **Joe Carreon. Janno Gibbs, Allan K** and the Sex Bomb Dancers would also be in the cast.

The cast members are GMA 7 contract stars and Kris would be the lone ABS-CBN talent. She said the project could happen if Mother Lily agreed to add an ABS-CBN talent to the cast, probably another comedian like **Bayani Agbayani**.

It's a comedy, so Kris would not have to flex her acting muscles. But with her schedule and her health, Kris said the project might not really be feasible.

She devotes four days a week to taping her two ABS-CBN daily programs—Wednesdays and Fridays for the game show "Game Ka Na Ba?" and Tuesdays and Thursdays for the new program "Morning Girls" (with **Pops Fernandez** and **Zsa Zsa Padilla**).

Ironically, Kris is being swamped with film offers just when she's at her busiest. Her talent manager **Deo Endrinal** says Kris also has a Maverick Films project with **Maricel Soriano** and **Ai-Ai de las Alas**. The **Raquel Villavicencio** script is about three friends who are having problems in their personal relationships. **Joel Lamangan** has been tapped to direct.

FLT Films also offered Kris another comedy with **Andrew E**, to be directed by **Boy Viñarao,** for the Metro Manila Film Festival in December.

Kris said that if she agrees to make another movie, she could shoot only on Saturdays. But last Saturday, which was supposed to be her rest day, Kris was down with a 39-degree fever, having caught the virus from her seven-year-old son, **Josh**.

On Friday, she took a paracetamol but she instantly had allergies which resulted in her eyes swelling, "like I had been punched," she said. She is "very allergic" to aspirin and ibuprofen.

From the book launch of her mom, former President **Corazon C. Aquino**, Kris went to the allergy doctor of Gift Gate's **Virgie Ramos**. She was prescribed high doses of anti-histamines as well as decongestants and an expectorant for her cough.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

Yesterday was a tough day for Kris because, aside from the live airing of "The Buzz," her show biz program with **Boy Abunda**, she also taped the pilot of "Morning Girls."

She said it is not feasible to do a live telecast of "Morning Girls," unlike "Today with Kris," which aired live daily. Her "Morning Girls" co-hosts, Pops and Zsa Zsa, both live in the south of Metro Manila.

No to GMA 7 stars

JOEY will not be a guest in today's pilot episode of "Morning Girls," 10:30 a.m. on ABS-CBN.

Kris reacted to an item in this column that said ABS-CBN bosses told her to stop talking about Joey on TV (July 19, 2002). She sent this text message: "To stay true to the policy of no-Joey statements, (he) won't be guesting in the 'Morning Girls' launch."

However, the reason Joey can't appear on her daily morning show on ABS-CBN is not just because they are romantically related. The bigger reason is the network war. Joey is one of the more prominent talents of rival station GMA 7.

"We won't be having any GMA stars in our pilot week," Kris explained. "We were told when we invited **Bong Revilla** that GMA 7 stars were requested not to guest initially. That's consistent with not having Joey as guest."

Kris said she didn't cry because of **Alma Moreno**'s interview on GMA 7's "Startalk" the other Saturday.

"I didn't see the interview because I was in a pictorial with **Jun de Leon**," she said.

'Good soldiers'

"TALK TV" host **Christine Bersola** also reacted to the same column and sent me this message:

"I had just read your column. Thank you so much for clarifying through **Deo (Endrinal)** that 'Talk TV' is still a top-rater. That will put to rest any speculations that we were axed because we were not rating.

"Only last July 15, our rating was a 20. We also had a full commercial load. Yes, I didn't take it well and there were a million reasons."

Christine, who has been with ABS-CBN for nine years, had a confidential meeting with a network boss, but she decided to keep mum about what they talked about.

"It really is a long, complicated story . . . Anyway, there's nothing I can do because it's management's call and we're just but good soldiers."

"Talk TV" aired its final episode last Friday. "Morning Girls" takes over its 10:30 a.m. daily slot starting today.

Launching Lolita

REGAL Films is launching another nymphet. **Lolita de Leon**—sexy body, smooth skin, expressive eyes and full lips—has a starring role in **Maryo J. de los Reyes**' "Laman," with screenplay by **Wally Ching**.

Also starring in the movie are **Elizabeth Oropesa, Albert Martinez** and **Yul Servo**.

Direk Maryo initially had doubts that Lolita could do the tough role in "Laman." But he decided to gamble on her. He asked fellow director **Erik Matti** to give Lolita acting lessons. After a short time, Erik assured Maryo that Lolita was ready.

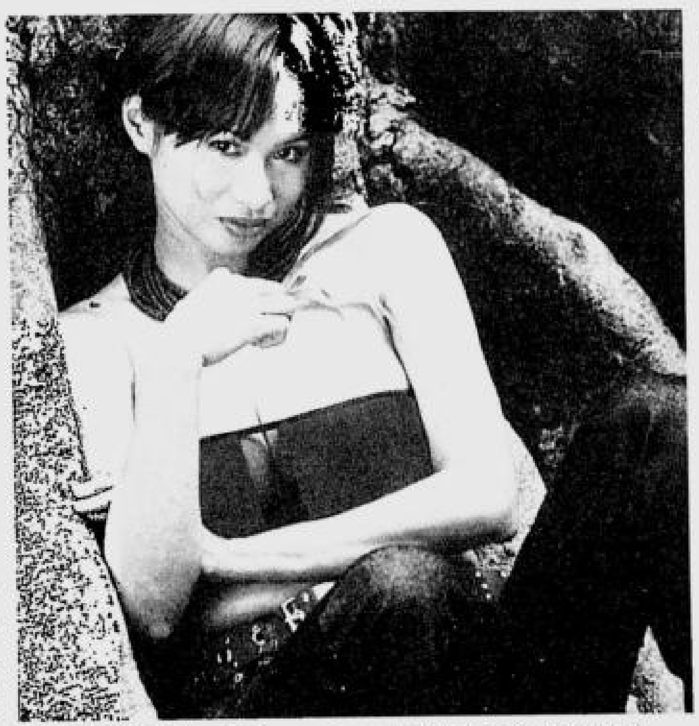
When the cameras started grinding for "Laman," Lolita reportedly proved to be good. *Direk* Maryo said it was easy to motivate her.

"I'm used to crying," Lolita said. And her director agreed, "Her life story can be materials for a good tele-novela."

Lolita is the sixth of 10 children. She had to work hard early to support her family. She went as far as first year in hotel and restaurant management at St. Joseph's College but had to stop after her mother died.

Condolence

CONDOLENCE to the family of comedian **Allan K**, whose mother **Eulalia J. Quilantang**, died last Friday morning. Her remains lie in Rolling Hills Memorial Chapel in Mandalagan, Bacolod City.



NEWCOMER Lolita de Leon gets a starring role in "Laman."

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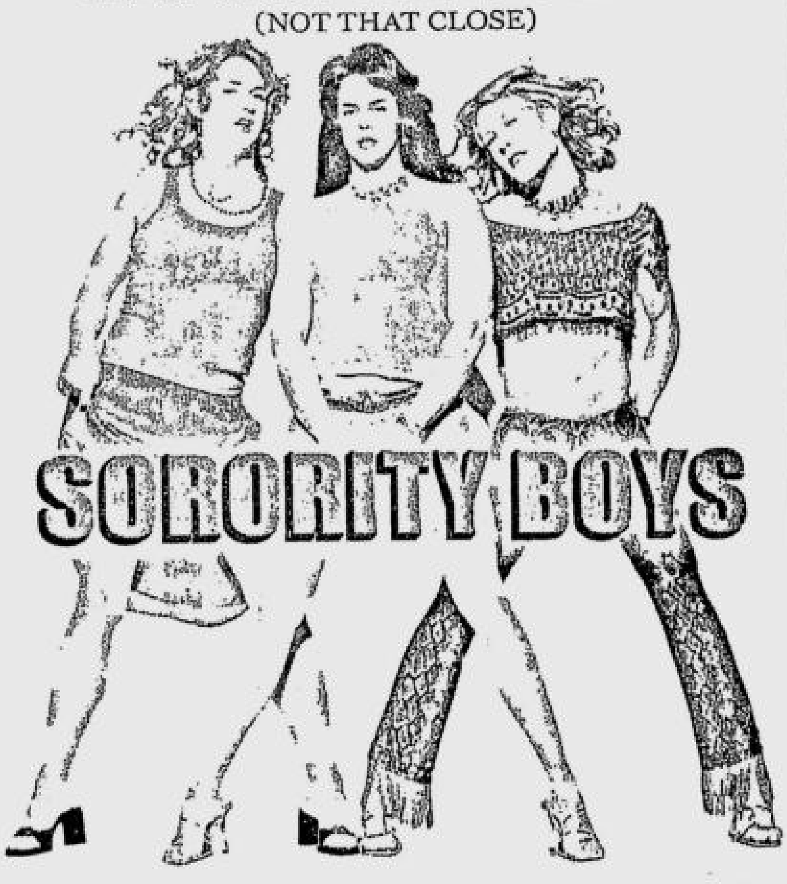

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Editor **Louie C. Camino**

US film industry goes after online pirates

LOS ANGELES—Hoping to end the online trading frenzy that has plagued the music business, the movie industry is hunting down digital film swappers and getting their Internet service cut off.

The action is part of intensifying efforts by the entertainment industry to control piracy. Those efforts include invasive technical measures.

The Motion Picture Association of America uses a special search engine to scour the Web for copyright movies, which circulate on the same peer-to-peer software networks as MP3 music files.

More than 100,000 cease-and-desist letters have been sent since 2001 through users' Internet service providers, the MPAA said.

In a newer initiative, AOL Time Warner's broadband division has begun trying to identify and stop customers who upload huge amounts of data—which in almost all cases means people trading bulky video or music files.

"We are not blocking the use of any applications or access to any Web sites," said Mark Harrad, a spokesman for Time Warner Cable.

"But we are doing various things to manage bandwidth better and to interfere with people who are in violation of (their) service agreements," he said.

Harrad declined to elaborate on interference techniques. But he denied the effort was specifically targeted at people swapping music and movie files, saying the issue is bandwidth hogs, not piracy.

AOL Time Warner owns one of the seven major studios, Warner Brothers, a member of the MPAA. It also owns Warner Music Group, one of the five major record companies.

> Nearly 600,000 copies of movies are downloaded illegally each day

Meanwhile, California Congressman Howard Berman is preparing legislation that would allow entertainment companies to obstruct the peer-to-peer networks with a variety of invasive electronic techniques, including software that blocks file transfers, redirects users to other sites or confuses users with fake files.

Privately, music industry officials already admit to frustrating file traders by putting up bogus files. Individuals trying to download unauthorized tracks from Eminem's latest CD last month, for example, occasionally got files containing only a single verse repeated continuously, rather than a complete song.

Such acts could, however, be illegal today under the federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

Movie files are harder to share over peer-to-peer networks because they are significantly larger than music files. At more than 600 megabytes, a full-length movie can easily take six hours to download over broadband. By contrast, an average music file of six megabytes takes a few minutes.

But Hollywood studios worry that the rising number of broadband connections and improved video compression techniques will open the door to runaway piracy.

Between 400,000 and 600,000 copies of movies are downloaded illegally each day, according to the consulting firm Viant. Though far fewer than the 3 billion daily music downloads off the now defunct music swapping site Napster at its peak, it's enough to spook the movie industry.

"Our industry could be damaged as much as the music industry," said Ken Jacobsen, senior vice president of worldwide anti-piracy at the MPAA.

The MPAA uses special monitoring software from San Diego-based Ranger Online Inc. The automated software provides the Internet address of the file-swapper, which the MPAA forwards to the relevant Internet provider.

The MPAA then asks the provider to contact the user with an ultimatum: Remove the copyright files from your computer or have your service disconnected.

Almost everyone served with a cease-and-desist letter by their Internet provider complies, Jacobsen said. The group said it does not keep records of how many users have actually been disconnected, though at least one recipient has fought back.

InternetMovies.com, a Hawaii-based Web site, filed suit against the MPAA for causing a business disruption after it was tagged for illegal file-swapping and had its Internet service disconnected. Jacobsen said the MPAA will wage a vigorous defense. ***AP***

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Festival films to be shown nation-wide in December

By Marinel R. Cruz

MOVIEGOERS in the provinces need not wait a week or two, or even months, to watch movies featured in the Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF). Starting December 2002, the filmfest will go national, according to Caloocan Mayor Rey Malonzo, who is also filmfest chair.

Malonzo said the movies included in the filmfest would be shown in key cities all over the country simultaneous to its Manila screening.

"People in places like Cebu, Davao, Bacolod, Pampanga, Baguio and Iloilo can expect to see the seven movies in the festival on the same week that they open in Manila," Malonzo told the INQUIRER.

Last Friday, he also announced that the screening committee of this year's MMFF has chosen 10 semi-finalists. The scripwriters of the semi-finalist films will receive P100,000 while their producers will get P1 million each.

Seven official entries will soon be selected from these 10 movies:

- William Mayo's "Lapu-Lapu," from a script written by Jerry Tirazona for Calinauan Cine Works;
- Ronwaldo Reyes' "Ang Alamat ng Langit," written by Manuel Buising for FPJ Production Inc.;
- Lore Reyes' "Agimat" written by Peque Gallaga for Imus Productions;
- Gil Portes' "Balangiga 1901," a film Portes co-wrote with Jose Dalisay for Teamworks Production;
- Boy Vinarao's "Uno Corinto," scripted by Meek Roxas and Senen Dimaguila for Reflectios Films;
- Eric Quizon's "Home Along Da Riber," scripted by Ben Feleo for RVQ Productions;
- Joel Lamangan's "Mano Po," scripted by Roy Iglesias for Regal Entertainment;
- Chito Roño's "Spirit Warrior II Shortcut," written by Roy Iglesias for MAQ Productions; and
- "Lastikman," written and directed by Tony Reyes for OctoArts Films.

Malonzo also announced that an executive committee, which he heads, would award a cash price of P500,000 monthly to producers and scriptwriters of noteworthy films to encourage filmmakers to create more high-quality works.

The Caloocan mayor said President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who allotted P50 million for the revival of the dying film industry, supports the monthly cash incentive.

The committee is composed of people from the film sector, local governments, theater owners and the academe

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Sy, Lopezes in talks on Rockwell mall sale

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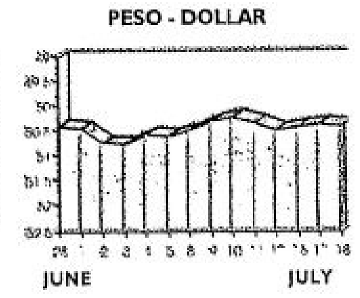

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STOCK MARKET

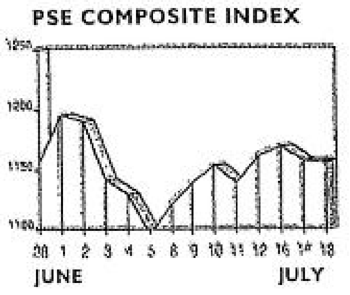
Profit-taking seen this week

LOCAL stocks are seen getting vulnerable to profit-taking this week after gaining for the first time in two months last week, but traders said there might be some more room for the index to move up to test the 1,200 resistance level.

The investing public is also looking forward to what President Macapagal-Arroyo will have to say during the State of the Nation Address today as positive surprises, if any, can boost intra-day trading.

SB Equities manager for institutional sales Monique Licaros said there was not enough volume to sustain the gains posted by the market last week, putting investors on the defensive mode.

"Normally, when the market rebounds, there is sharp increase in volume," Licaros said.



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PROFIT-TAKING/ B6

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE GROUP of retail tycoon Henry Sy is in talks with the Lopezes on the possible acquisition of the latter's upscale Rockwell Power Plant mall.

INQUIRER sources said Lopez-owned Rockwell Land Corp., which is raising funds to continue the development of the 15.5-hectare Rockwell Center in Makati, had offered to sell the two-year-old shopping mall to several property developers, including the SM and Ayala groups.

The SM group specializes in middle-income mall operations through SM Prime Holdings Inc. but has likewise diversified into upscale mall development with the launch of The Podium in Ortigas through a separate joint venture with the Keppel Group of Singapore.

The SM group is also planning to put up another upscale mall in the Fort Bonifacio Global City through a joint venture with Fort Bonifacio Development Corp.

In a separate interview, a source from the SM group confirmed that the Power Plant mall was offered to them and noted that the acquisition was still under study.

"We still have a lot of new malls in the pipeline," said the SM source, saying there was so far "no serious discussions" to pursue the acquisition. "We are still looking at it," the source added.

Sources from the Ayala group, on the other hand, said property unit Ayala Land Inc. was not likely to bid for the Power Plant mall.

Some stock analysts said the mall would have a more strategic fit with the SM group than ALI because the latter had even bigger retail development projects within the Makati central business district—Glorietta and Greenbelt.

The Rockwell Power Plant Mall, which opened just in time for Christmas 2000, is a four-level, 210-store lifestyle shopping center with six Dolby-digital cinemas and a 26-lane bowling and billiards center called Power Bowl. The mall achieved a 95-percent occupancy rate in 2001.

Well-placed sources estimated that the Power Plant accounted for about 20 percent of the P5-billion book value of the entire Rockwell development.

Other sources said the Lopezes were supposed to sign in January last year a deal with the Government of Singapore Investment Corp. for the sale of a 40-percent stake in the shopping mall but noted that the foreign group backed out after the Edsa II uprising that toppled the Estrada regime.

Rockwell Land, the company formed to develop the Makati property, is a joint venture company of Lopez-controlled companies Manila Electric Co., Benpres Holdings Corp. and First Philippine Holdings Corp.

Parent holding firm Benpres is currently seeking to reschedule all of its $596.9 million (P31 billion) worth of debts, sell stakes in "non-core" subsidiaries and pursue further belt-tightening as a three-pronged strategy to restore its financial health.

A 24.5-percent stake in Rockwell Land is among the assets put on the block by Benpres, which now treats as "non-core" all investments outside of ABS CBN Broadcasting Corp. and First Philippine Holdings Corp.

Rockwell Land earlier announced plans to take in a strategic partner to continue the second phase of its development, which includes the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

RP to oppose Australia's Asean trade bid

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE PHILIPPINES will play spoilsport to Australia's goal of forging a free trade area with Asean in retaliation for Australia's discrimination against Philippine fruit exports.

Trade Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II said the Philippines would question Australia's initiative to broaden its market through an FTA with Asean during the Asean Leaders Summit scheduled in November this year.

Roxas said the Philippines' opposition to an Australia-Asean FTA was justified considering the excessive and unnecessary phytosanitary rules it imposed on the country's fruit exports.

Roxas vowed that the Australia-Asean FTA would face rough sailing unless Australia loosens up on the phytosanitary standards on Philippine fruit exports specifically mangoes, bananas and pineapples.

Australia has either sustained the ban or allowed under stringent conditions the importation of Philippine fruits. Roxas has threatened to raise the Philippines' trade feud with Australia to the World Trade Organization complaint body.

The Philippines is aiming to boost its fruit exports to Australia to narrow down its trade deficit with Australia, which has been the main supplier of milk and milk products to the Philippines.

Australia is keen on forming a trade block with Asean because it would allow that country to sell its commodities and products to the region's 500 million people. Asean is considered as Australia's fourth most important trade partner (accounting for 14 percent of Australia's total trade in 2000) and one of the fastest growing.

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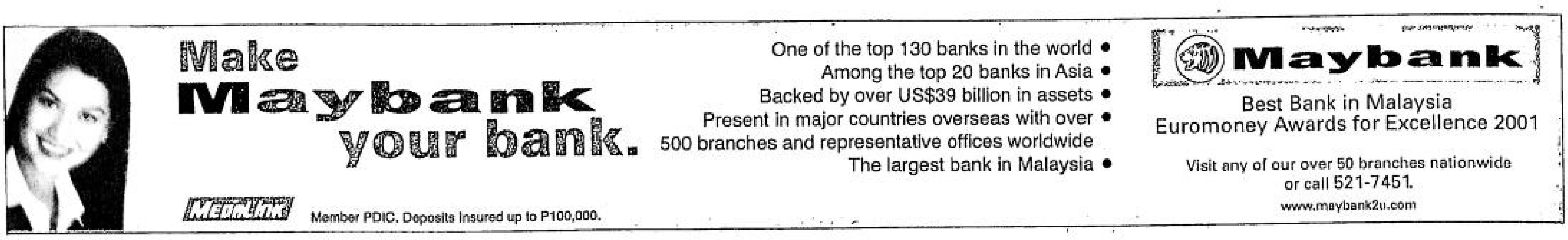

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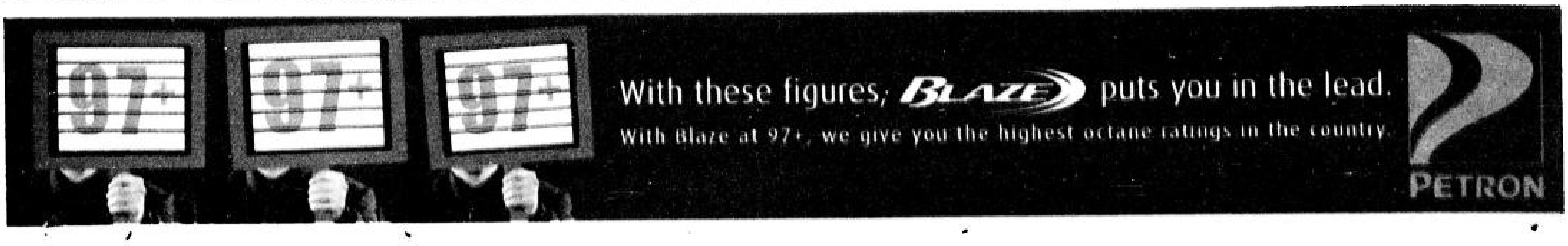

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Gov't sees lower growth in 2003

By Clarissa S. Batino

CONTRARY to expected pronouncements of improving prospects during today's State of the Nation Address, the country's economic managers are preparing to bring down by half-a-percentage point the growth targets for gross domestic and national products for 2003.

Even next year's budget deficit target of P99 billion could be increased to P130 billion as the government prepares to spend more during the coming year to push economic growth forward.

From a target of 5.4-5.9 percent, the Development Budget Coordination Committee would deliberate on bringing down the GDP target range to 4.9-5.4 percent while the projection for GNP growth of 5.5 to 6 percent could be downscaled to 5-5.5 percent.

A measure of economic performance, GDP is the sum of goods and services produced by the local economy while GNP includes the income from abroad largely brought in by overseas workers' remittance.

Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin confirmed in an interview that there was a plan to reduce the economic growth targets for next year in view of the possible impact of the El Niño on the performance of the farm sector.

She also admitted that the fiscal gap target for next year could be raised to P130 billion. "These are recommendations of the technical working group but have not been approved by the DBCC or the Cabinet," the budget chief stressed.

Boncodin said the 2003 budget was still being worked out by her team and would not be included in the President's Sona today. The government is given up to 30 days from the opening of Congress to submit a budget proposal.

The budget chief stressed that even if the 2003 growth targets were reduced and the deficit raised to a level similar to 2002, the medium-term objective of bringing down the fiscal gap to zero by 2006 would be maintained.

Boncodin's team had recommended a budget of P780 billion for 2003 from this year's P754.3 billion. But the Cabinet had asked her to draw up different scenarios that would allow the government to spend more in the coming year to prop up the economy.

The budget secretary also noted that other macroeconomic targets for 2003 such as an inflation average of 4.5-5.5 percent and an average 91-day treasury bill rate of 9.5-10.5 percent would be kept.

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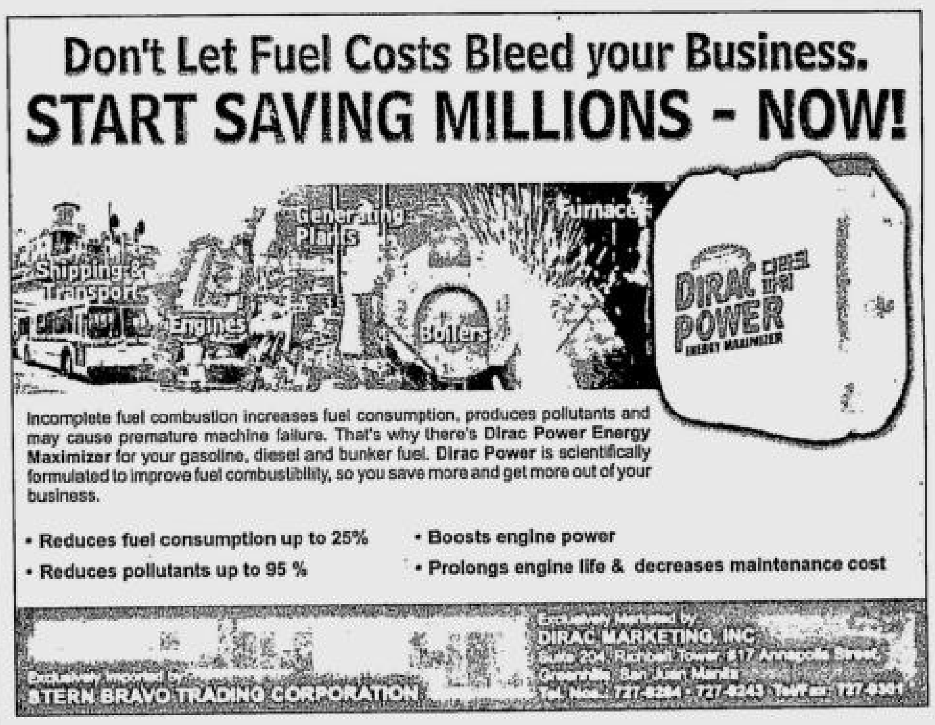
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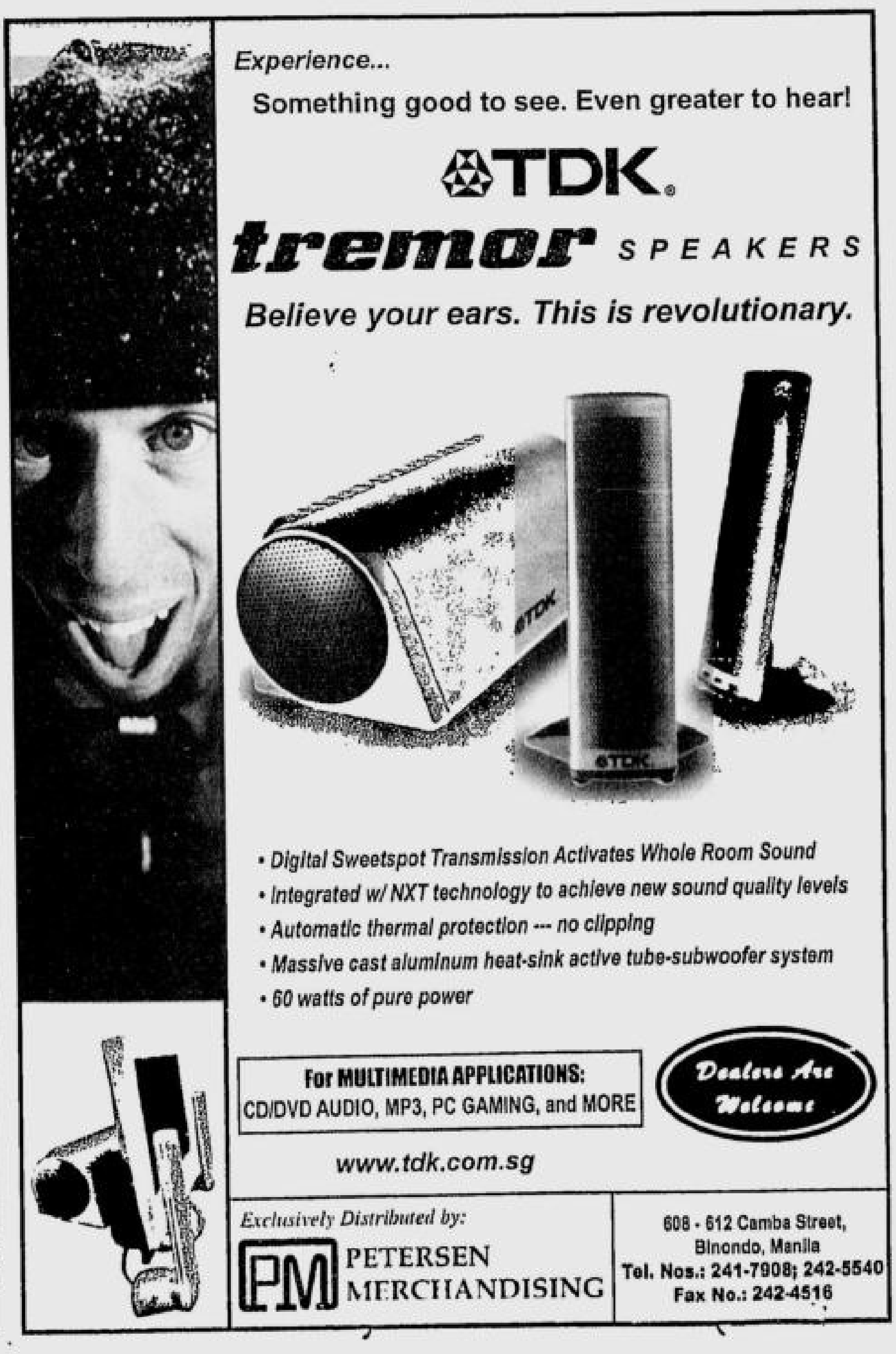
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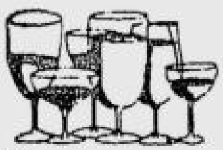

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

THE NEXT time Prof. Bernardo Villegas lectures on corporate governance, all he has to do is hold a mirror and look at himself and his Opus Dei colleagues at the now bankrupt investment house, Corporate Investments Philippines Inc.

Documents filed in the ongoing CIPI insolvency case at the Pasig Regional Trial Court show that even Opus Dei stalwarts can cook corporate books and engage in self-dealing a la Enron and Worldcom.

Ex-CIPI president/CEO Vicente Atilano, for instance, was discovered to have sold to his son Carlos a house in Milpitas, California, owned by CIPI subsidiary ATP Technologies.

Unknown to the CIPI board, the elder Atilano transferred ownership of the company house to his son for $290,000 in January 2000, a check with Santa Clara County records show.

Ten months later, in November 2000, the son turned around and sold the same house to a third party for $470,000, for a quick profit of $180,000.

The elder Atilano, an Opus Dei like Villegas, left CIPI under a cloud of doubt after the investment house acknowledged that it had inadequate assets to cover about P1.3 billion in commercial papers and other liabilities.

Villegas, a director who represented the 5-percent shareholdings of CIPI employees, is also no longer connected with CIPI, after having briefly served as chair right after Atilano's departure. In addition to the CIPI employees, the SMC and Coca-Cola Bottlers retirement plans and the Archdiocese of Cebu are the major shareholders of the investment house. Atilano himself owned 20 percent of CIPI.

An in-house investigation after Atilano's departure showed that CIPI officers directly under Atilano had sold about P380 million in "non-existent debt instruments/commercial papers" to the unsuspecting public and corporate investors as late as 1999, when CIPI was already floundering.

At that time, Villegas was busy finishing a book praising Estrada's first-year economic policies. That book, incidentally, was funded by a grant from an Erap supporter, plastics king William Gatchalian.

Antonio Jacinto, who assumed the presidency after Atilano, and Edgar Tordesillas, CIPI first vice president, executed a complaint-affidavit accusing Atilano, and CIPI officers Wilfredo Gamboa, Jocelyn dela Dingco, Stella Agra-Sales, Rafael del Rosario, Nazzar Luis, Erwin Arellano, Ma. Christine Pagkalinawan, Ignacio Aquino, and Juan Claudio Laya of estafa and fraudulent acts for the simulated transactions.

Among the corporate holders of CIPI papers include Assumption College (P12.9 million), Canossa College (P5.2 million), La Consolacion College (P3.6 million), Sacred Heart Missionaries (P2.4 million), Morning Dew Montessori School (P5.7 million), DCCD Engineering (P2.7 million), and Star Airfreight (P3.2 million).

Hundreds of individual investors, mainly Catholic parishioners, who entrusted their life-savings on the strength of the Opus Dei/Catholic Church provenance of the investment house, now face the prospects of getting back, if ever, only 30 percent of their original placements.

Dragon on the run

FORMER bank owner and ex-Cavite Rep. Renato Dragon is being chased for P15 million, plus interests, of bad debt.

Dragon, a South Forbes resident, is now accused of violation of Batas Pambansa No. 22 before Makati Metropolitan Trial Court Judge Evelyn Chua.

Dragon himself does not deny having issued the bad checks to Francisco de la Fuente of Magallanes Village, saying he had told De La Fuente all along that the three checks would bounce if he ever tried to encash them.

De la Fuente lent Dragon the money to help fund Dragon's failed reelection bid in 1998. In return, Dragon issued the checks as security.

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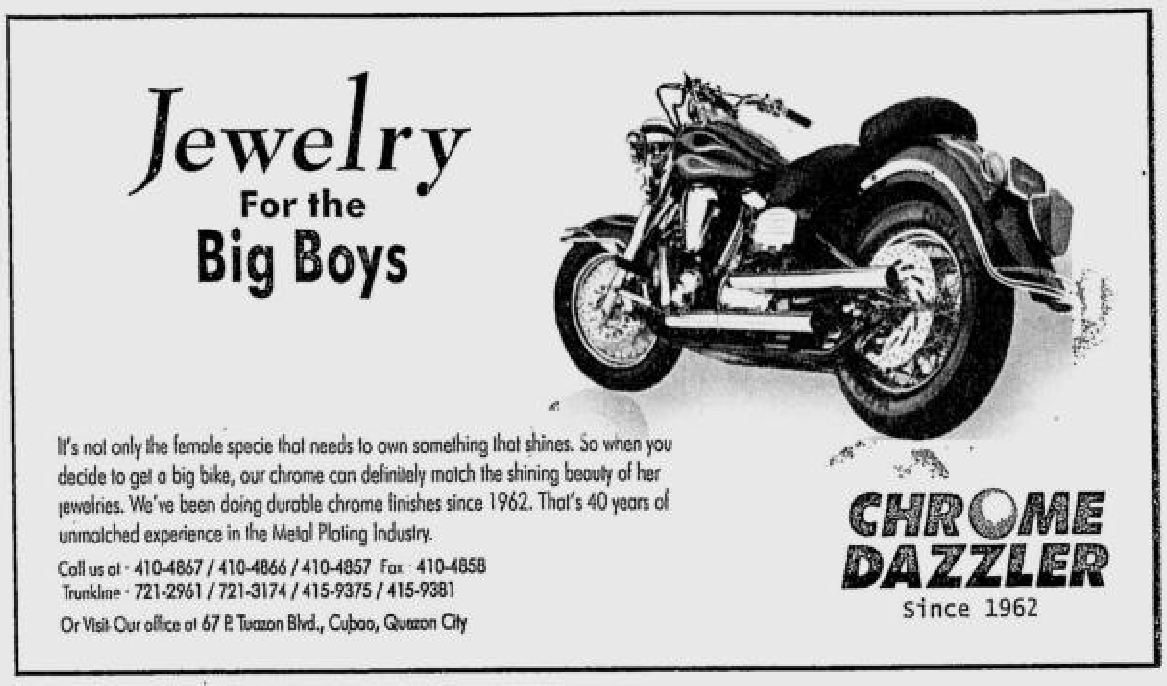

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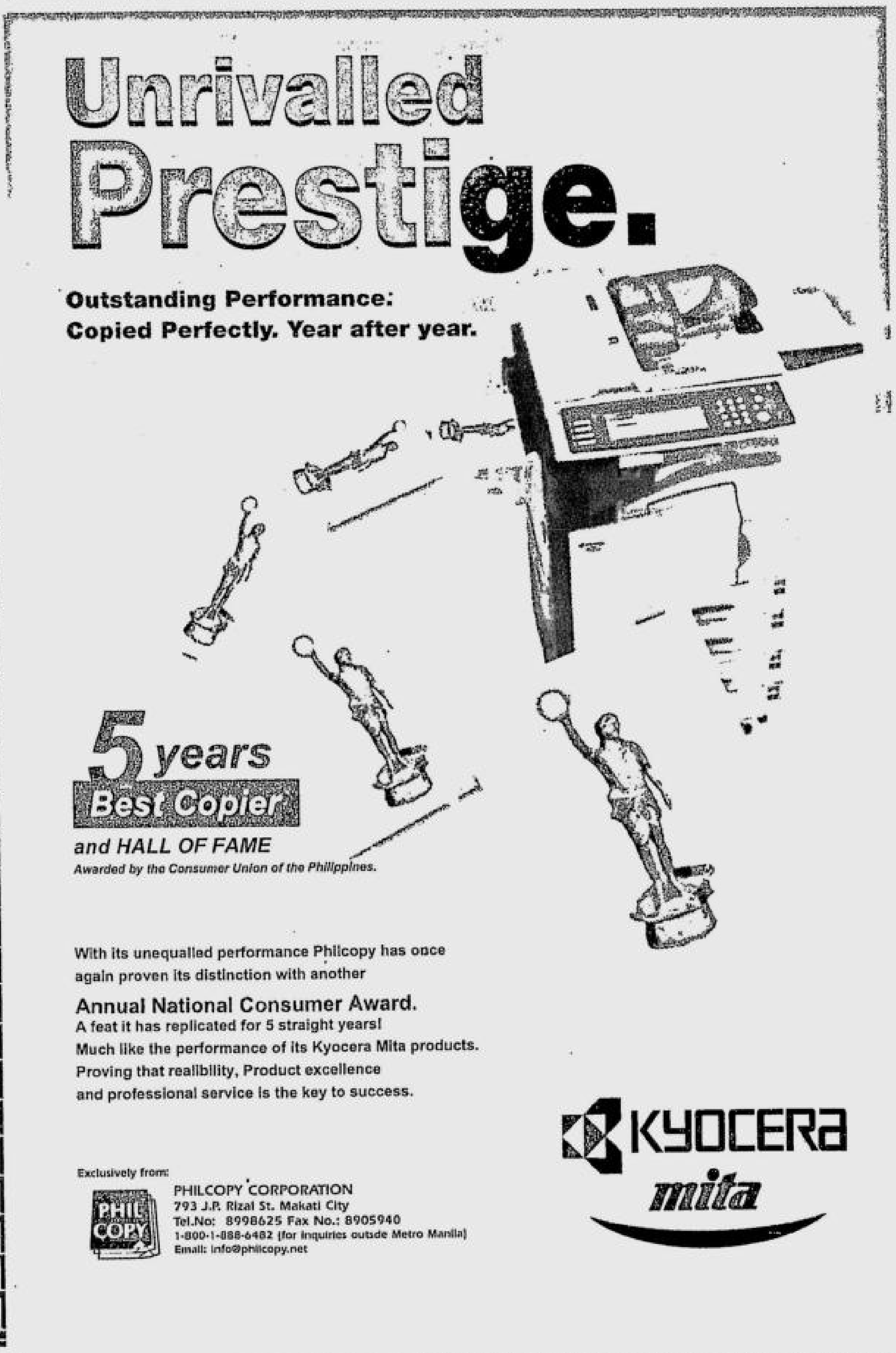

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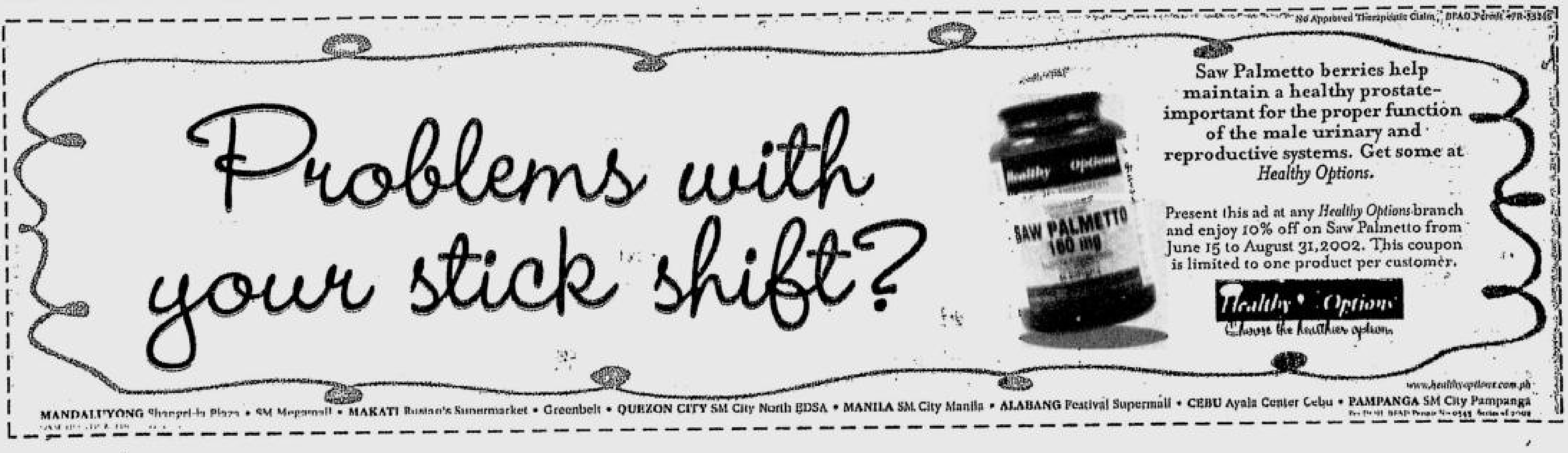

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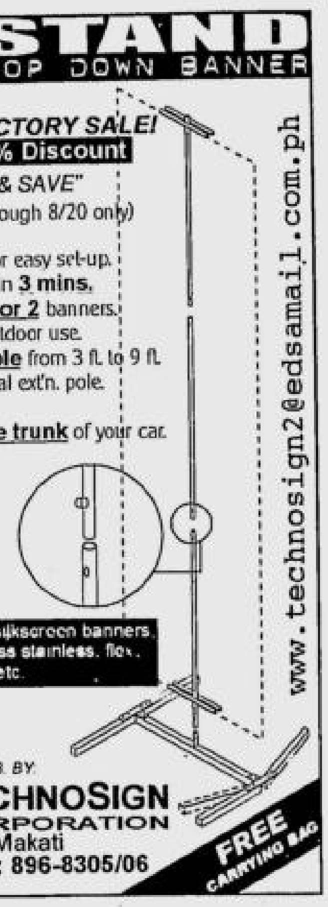

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By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry is standing firm on its move to shift to a value-based tax system for vehicles despite a strong clamor from Japanese automotive assemblers to adopt a modified engine-based tax scheme.

Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II claimed that a value-based tax system was best for the entire industry as he shot down critics of the DTI's policy move for failing to come up with fresh arguments against the scheme.

Roxas said the DTI's mandate was to look out for the interest of the entire industry and not to formulate policies to tailor fit the interest of certain companies which would be the case in a haphazard program.

The DTI position to shift to a value-based tax system is being backed by Ford Motor Co. Philippines Inc. and BMW Philippines Corp. whose big-engine trucks and luxury vehicles would benefit from a substantial cut in excise taxes.

The move, however, is strongly opposed by Japanese assemblers—which account for nine out of every 10 vehicles sold in the country—because it would make their models more expensive, specifically their best-selling Asian utility vehicle (AUV) units.

The DTI plans to implement the automotive tax reforms after a two-year transition period wherein vehicles that were currently tax exempt under the 10-seater rule would be slapped a 2-percent excise tax for models worth P600,000 and below, and 6 percent for models worth more than P600,000. Sport utility vehicles (SUVs) will be slapped a 15-percent tax while passenger cars would be hit by a tax of 10 percent for basic models, rising to 35 percent for pricey brands.

After the transition period, AUVs, pickups and vans worth P600,000 and below would be slapped with a 3-percent tax while the rest would be levied based on their sticker price—10 percent for models under P1 million, 15 percent for models under P2 million and 25 percent over P2 million.

Vehicles are currently taxed based on engine displacement: 15 percent for 1600 cc gas and 1800 cc diesel engines; 35 percent for 2-liter gas and 2.3-liter diesel engines; 50 percent for 2.7-liter and 3-liter diesel engines; and 100 percent for engines more than 2.7-liter gas and 3-liter diesel.

Ford and BMW claimed that the reforms would level the playing field, which favors Japanese assemblers.

But Japanese assemblers warned that the new tax scheme would falter under adverse economic conditions, create instability in the market due to artificial pricing, require more government intervention and administration, and give undue preference to bigger vehicles that have higher fuel and space requirements.

Also, the reforms would retard the growth of the local automotive parts industry because of the loss of tax privilege to AUVS and promotion of toned-down models to fit the P600,000 cap, and stall the AUV market where 90 percent of the products sold have a sticker price of more than P600,000.

In a meeting with officials of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. Friday morning, a source said Roxas assured assemblers that the legislative proposal was still subject to final review. President Macapagal-Arroyo is set to include reforms in the automotive sector in her State of the Nation Address today.

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Insulting the Communists

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

NOT too long ago, to be called a communist was a badge of honor. Today, according to local Communists, to be called a communist is an insult. Just as bad as being called Abu Sayyaf lover or termite.

How the mighty have fallen! After World War II, the communist state, with its promise of a worker's paradise, was said to be the wave of the future. Mao turned China into the world's largest communist state. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) wanted to turn the whole world into Communism. That opened the 40-year Cold War.

In the 1949 elections in Italy, the democrats, with the considerable help from the United States and the Catholic Church, routed the Communist party, the largest outside the USSR. The Communists never recovered from that defeat. France also had a large Communist party but the reds, with its policy of sabotaging public utilities, soon lost its mass support.

Eastern Europe was stitched together under the Warsaw Pact to counter the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato).

The Reds made some notable gains. Cuba and Vietnam became communist. In 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea. Then followed the Vietnam war.

In the Philippines, the communist Hukbalahaps came out of World War II as the largest guerrilla force that fought the Japanese occupiers. The Huks were poised to march into Manila when Ramon Magsaysay, with help from the CIA, stopped them in their tracks. This propelled him into the presidency. Luis Taruc gave up the struggle and became a law-abiding citizen.

Jose Ma. Sison is largely credited with reviving in 1970 the communist rebellion. Commander Dante was the first head of the New People's Army. But, now, Dante runs a farmer's cooperative. Sison sends out his directives, largely ignored, from the safety of his self-exile in Holland. Sison and his bosom buddy, ex-priest Jalandoni, are reputedly the only Communists left in the whole of Europe.

By 1980, the Communists had lost the Cold War. The Berlin Wall fell. The USSR broke up. Eastern Europe turned its back on the Warsaw Pact.

The collapse of Communism was the result of the policy of containment by the West: keep Communism from expanding and it will eventually collapse as it carries within itself the seeds of its own destruction. Many believe that the collapse was also due to the powerful intercession of the Virgin Mary.

Today, the world is strewn with the ruins of the communist rebellion. Albania is the poorest nation in Europe. What used to be East Germany is being modernized by what used to be West Germany at the cost of hundreds of billions of dollars. Cubans continue to flee to Florida. North Koreans are eating grass. In Vietnam, every government corporation has gone bankrupt. USSR is gone and the Russians are frantically switching to a market economy. So is China.

With the worldwide collapse of Communism, local Communists were orphaned. They have tried mightily to shed the tag. Call them anything you want—leftist, Maoist, Marxist, Leninist, militant, red, progressive, whatever—but, please, never call them communist.

This is why, when the President said the other day that the only ones who were not backing her administration were the Communists, Satur Ocampo and Crispin Beltran, the country's top reds, felt alluded to and were quick to complain as how hurt they were by the unforgivable insult. And, right on cue, their young communist lapdog, Teodoro A. Casiño, from the cool comforts of his capitalist hangout at the Makati Sports Club of which he is a member, joined in with his usual *non sequitors* and *ad hominems*. I am surprised Etta Rosales has kept her mouth shut.

The fact that the local Communists now consider it an insult to be called communists in public, even by the President, is just one more clear proof of the total bankruptcy of the Communist movement.

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5-year bear market is about to end

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Ron Nathan

I TOOK my feverish daughter to the pediatrician but she has little patients. She said that fever is a matter of degree and gave her antibiotics, analgesics and cough medicine. The doctor is very phlegmatic and expectorates highly in her profession.

Suddenly, a woman entered, speaking unintelligibly, her skin a yellowish color. Immediately, the doctor diagnosed her as having jaundice and called the chief of nephrology, who confirmed the diagnosis. He took the protesting woman upstairs, gave her a local anaesthetic, and carried out a liver biopsy. This is painful because a large needle is inserted deeply and the procedure takes an agonizing 15 minutes. To the consultant's astonishment, the laboratory results showed the liver to be perfectly normal.

Undeterred, he took the still-protesting woman to the operating room and proceeded to remove her spleen. This was not enlarged and showed no abnormality. Unable to expleen why he had performed the operation, he ordered an M.R.I., which showed a tiny polyp in her colon. He promptly removed half of it, leaving her with a semi colon, and in a commatose state for a period. It was not until the third day that they discovered she was Japanese.

I received many emails about arthritic knees, but I only gave information on a kneed to know basis.

The accounting frauds in American might lead all the way to the top. Vice President Cheney was formerly employed by Haliburton Oil, which is now under investigation. When President Bush heard about it, he was livid, and the Vice President was afraid to approach the burning Bush because it might start a Cheney reaction. He is a sick man. He has had two heart operations and wears a pacemaker. His fear is not of police arrest; more of cardiac arrest.

On Tuesday night, from 10 p.m. till after midnight, I watched Alan Greenspan read his prepared remarks and then answer questions for nearly two hours. I was so impressed with his total grasp of the situation that most of Wednesday's newsletter was devoted to a summary and analysis of what he said.

First, he reiterated his previous statements that the American economy is extremely resilient. After a brutal terrorist attack, which would have destroyed the economy of most other countries, the stock market bounced back after two months, and GNP for the first quarter of 2002 was an astonishing 6.1 percent. Although this rate cannot be sustained, he expects the economy to grow by 3.5 percent this year, and by at least 4 percent next year, so there is nothing wrong with the fundamentals, and the fall in the stock market is irrational manic depression (my words).

Home sales have been rising steadily, the retail sector is doing well, and sales of cars reached record levels, thanks to cheap financing. Industrial production rose 0.8 percent this month, inventories are building up slowly, prices are steady and there are no signs of inflation so the FED can maintain its accommodating stance. In plain English, this means that interest rates will remain unchanged for some time. Only the tech sector and biotech stocks are under pressure, and many are back to five-year lows.

The reason for the collapse in the market is investors' lack of confidence in the accounting system. Enron, Adelphia Communications, Worldcom, Xerox, Tyco and Elan have all restated their profits with disastrous consequences to their stock prices. The most blatant fraud was Enron, which shredded its vital documents.

In order to restore confidence, the Senate unanimously passed a bill, which provides greater penalties for irregular disclosures, and the President has also announced punitive measures for wrongdoers. Greenspan asked the Senate not to change the American system, which is the best in the world, pointing out that these infractions only represent a tiny percentage of the many thousands of listed companies. With share prices so low, he did not foresee much opportunity for more tampering with accounts and asked that stock options be treated as a company expense.

The last day for filing second-quarter results is Aug. 14. You can be sure that between now and then, all companies that have anything to hide are going to come clean. The quarterly announcements are just beginning and blue-chip IBM has started the ball rolling with a huge unexpected loss, the laying off of 6,000 to 8,000 workers, and a $2 billion write-off of assets.

The next four weeks are going to be hair-raising for investors (unless they are bald), as company after company downgrade their forecasts, and lower their estimates for the third and fourth quarters. The Dow and the Nasdaq will continue to fluctuate wildly and this will affect all markets except ours. But, thereafter, accounting standards are going to improve dramatically, companies will beat their deliberately conservative estimates, and the stock market will recover.

I believe we are at, or very near the bottom, and for the first time since February, I have started advising clients to Buy selected stocks. For three years, I have been bearish, correctly so, but now I think it is time to accumulate over the next month, both for trading and for long term.

For months, I have refrained from plugging my newsletter because there were no BUY signals. Now there are, and the daily newsletter has been improved to such an extent, that it has doubled in size and contains various kinds of charts. If you are by nature a trader, or if you have a portfolio worth P500,000, you will find the advice given very much to your advantage.

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Profit-taking seen this week

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The main-share Philippine Stock Exchange composite index rose by 3.75 percent to close at 1,161.69 on Friday, reversing a nine-week decline.

Except for PLDT, Licaros said there was no indication that foreign funds were gobbling up local stocks as there was no expectation of spectacular corporate earnings for the second quarter.

But Licaros said some blue-chip issues like SM Prime Holdings Inc., PLDT and Meralco might have room to move up this week on a technical basis.

She said SMPH, which closed at P5.70 on Friday, might test P6. On the other hand, PLDT, whose share prices were on a channel-bound trading, might be ripe for bargain-hunting at P360. Meralco is attractive as its support level at P28 is holding but may have some limited upside, she said.

"But instead of buying on upward movements, these should be seen as an opportunity to harvest gains rather than accumulate," Licaros said.

For stock pundits, she recommended a "speculative buy" on Metro Pacific Corp. and Benpres Holdings Corp., which are both undergoing a debt restructuring program, for this week.

Equitable PCI chief market strategist Michael Ricafort agreed that the next resistance level for the Phisix was at the 1,180 to 1,200 range. "Technically, the index consistently manifested oversold signals since the latter part of June until the early part of this week, prior to the most recent gains," Ricafort said.

"However, firmer technical signals have yet to be seen in able to provide confirmation that a near-term bottom has already been reached at the seven-month low of 1,115 posted last July 8," he said.

Ricafort noted that the market's initial support was at 1,135 while the next psychological support remained at 1,100.

PCI Capital Corp. analyst Mike Ordinanza said the market should seek direction from interest rate movements this week.

"Everyone is also waiting for the second quarter results which should be better compared to the first quarter," he said. ***Doris C. Dumlao***

Cocktales . . .

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of harsh letters, Dragon told De la Fuente to just "allow the court to decide" on how best to settle their differences.

In recommending the indictment, Prosecutor Edgardo Hirang noted that Dragon did not even bother to show up during the preliminary investigation.

Heard through the grapevine

GLOBE phone and pre-paid card dealers are rebelling against the new stringent marketing arrangements being imposed by an expat Globe executive.

The same restiveness is also infecting the Kodak Express franchise holders against their US mother company. *(Cocktales may be reached by e-mail at cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com or at cocktales_pdi@hotmail.com)*

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Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	28	30	28	30	192,400
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	33	34	33	33.5	197,500
Philippine National Bank	32	32	32	32	6,700
Phil. Savings Bank	26.5	28	26	26.5	3,800
Security Bank Corp.	14	14	14	14	800
Union Bank of the Phil.	19	19	19	19	104,000
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.32	0.35	0.32	0.35	40,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1290	1290	1290	1290	2,760
Sun Life Financial Serv.	980	990	980	990	350
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	2,000
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.64	0.69	0.64	0.69	4,140,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	530	540	525	530	2,520
ISM Communications Corp.	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	7,000,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3	3	3	3	20,000
Piltel	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.32	8,400,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	80,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	332.5	342.5	330	335	149,590
Ivantage Corp.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	30,000
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POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	20	22.5	20	21	10,100
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Petron Corp.	1.74	1.78	1.74	1.76	3,917,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.78	1.8	1.76	1.76	13,113,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.42	2.44	2.42	2.44	61,000
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CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	50,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.7	0.71	0.7	0.7	90,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	12.75	13	12.75	13	92,000
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	33	33	33	33	291,000
RFM Corp.	0.95	0.96	0.95	0.95	660,000
Swift Food Inc.	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	10,000
San Miguel Corp. A	47	47	47	47	57,900
San Miguel Corp. B	54	54	53.5	53.5	100,300
Universal Robina Corp.	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	1,000
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Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.44	2.6	2.4	2.55	14,012,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	600,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	10,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.34	0.36	0.34	0.36	2,730,000
A Brown Company Inc.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	100,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	300,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	30,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	3.3	4.3	3.3	4.3	4,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.32	1.34	1.32	1.34	510,000
First Phil Hldgs. Corp.	15.25	15.25	14.5	15.25	2,069,400
Ionics Inc.	6	6	6	6	5,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	120,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.69	7,320,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.4	0.45	0.4	0.45	20,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	2,860,000
Music Corp.	0.17	0.18	0.16	0.17	290,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	10,000
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	33,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.26	0.28	0.26	0.26	850,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Matsushita Elec Phil Corp.	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	4,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.45	0.51	0.45	0.5	330,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	100,000
Pryce Corp.	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	500,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	8.5	8.7	8.5	8.7	6,000
Steniel Manufacturing	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	10,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	500,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	100,000
Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	10,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	23.25	23.25	23	23	103,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,000
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.5	10.25	10.5	1,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.25	10.5	10.25	10.5	2,100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Bb	10	10	10	10	200
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6	6	5.9	6	9,946,000
Cityland Development Corp.	2.02	2.02	2.02	2.02	100,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	70,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.19	800,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	700,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.28	2.3	2.28	2.3	1,201,000
Highlands Prime Inc.	1.86	1.88	1.86	1.88	1,360,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	24,000
SM Development Corp.	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81	50,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7	9,148,000
UrbanCorp.Realty Dev. Inc.	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	200,000
MINING					
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.185	0.19	0.185	0.185	150,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.2	0.21	0.2	0.21	150,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	9,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	16,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't. Corp.	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	2,100,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	300,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	1,500,000
Interport Res.	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	10,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	160,000,000
Pacifica	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	6,000,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.34	0.4	0.34	0.4	130,000
Vulcan Ind'l.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	10,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,559,310	66,780,400.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	2,653,121,010	475,960,860.00
PRO	23,599,000	117,587,890.00
Mining	27,700,000	236,100.00
OIL	177,640,000	595,700.00
GRAND TOTALS:	2,883,619,320	661,160,950.00
AVERAGES		
Banks & Fin Svc	466.27	UP 4.90
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,600.28	UP 13.47
PRO	532.45	DOWN 0.32
Mining	1,181.01	UP 4.40
OIL	1.29	DOWN 0.02
All Shares Index	674.16	UP 1.53
Composite	1,167.56	UP 10.96

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CURRENCIES

July 19, 2002 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	0.988826	1.000000	50.3810
Japan	Yen	0.008486	0.008582	0.4324
United Kingdom	Pound	1.555819	1.573400	79.2695
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.126774	0.128207	6.4592
Switzerland	Franc	0.682702	0.690417	34.7839
Canada	Dollar	0.640308	0.647543	32.6239
Singapore	Dollar	0.569272	0.575705	29.0046
Australia	Dollar	0.545409	0.551572	27.7887
Bahrain	Dinar	2.623021	2.652661	133.6437
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.263673	0.266652	13.4342
Brunei	Dollar	0.566987	0.573394	28.8882
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000113	0.000114	0.0057
Thailand	Baht	0.024385	0.024661	1.2424
UAE	Dirham	0.269245	0.272287	13.7181
Korea	Won	0.000852	0.000862	0.0434
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.011300	50.9503
Argentina	Real	0.280121	0.283286	14.2722
Brazil	Real	0.345019	0.348918	17.5788
Denmark	Kroner	0.134379	0.135897	6.8466
India	Rupee	0.020305	0.020534	1.0345
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.260252	0.263193	13.2599
Mexico	New Peso	0.102299	0.103455	5.2122
New Zealand	Dollar	0.477394	0.482789	24.3234
Norway	Kroner	0.135049	0.136575	6.8808
Pakistan	Rupee	0.016481	0.016667	0.8397
South Africa	Rand	0.099481	0.100605	5.0686
Sweden	Kroner	0.107342	0.108555	5.4691
Syria	Pound	0.019238	0.019455	0.9802
Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.030156	0.030497	1.5365
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000752	0.000760	0.0383

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ALABANG "A"	1,700,000	ALABANG "A"	Call now
ALABANG "B"	Call now	CAMP JOHN HAY	260,000
BAGUIO CC	765,000	CAPITOL HILLS	100,000
CAMP JOHN HAY	300,000	CELEBRITY CLUB	165,000
CANLUBANG GC	625,000	CC AT TAGAYTAY	Call now
CAPITOL HILLS	130,000	EAGLE RIDGE "A"	300,000
CELEBRITY CLUB	Call now	MANILA GOLF (INDIV)	11,000,000
MANILA POLO	3,000,000	MANILA POLO	2,750,000
MLA STHWOODS "A"	670,000	MLA STHWOODS "B"	750,000
ORCHARD GCC "A"	Call now	MT. MALARAYAT "A"	Call now
RIVIERA GCC "A"	Call now	RIVIERA GCC "C"	450,000
STA. ELENA "A"	1,850,000	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	750,000
SUBIC BAY YACHT (CORP)	350,000	VALLEY GOLF	250,000
THE COUNTRY CLUB	Call now	WACK-WACK GOLF	6,875,000
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ALABANG CC "A"	25,000	TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS	35,000
CC AT TAGAYTAY	20,000	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	30,000
MANILA GOLF	400,000	THE COUNTRY CLUB	Call now
STA. ELENA "A"	65,000	WACK WACK	90,000

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CLUB	SELLER	BUYER
Alabang Country Club "A"	1,600,000	1,500,000
Camp John Hay	290,000	270,000
Capitol Hills Golf & CC A/B*	120,000	Pls. Call
Canyon Woods	190,000	-
Canlubang Golf	550,000	-
Calatagan Golf Club	100,000	-
City Sports Club	630,000	Pls. Call
Club Filipino	Pls. Call	-
Eagleridge "A"/"C"*	340,000/550,000*	-
Eastridge	200,000	-
Evercrest	100,000	-
Fairways & Blue Waters	500,000	-
Fontana D/C	90,000/140,000	Pls. Call
Forest Hills "A"/C"	230,000	230,000*
Manila Golf Ind./Corp.*	Pls. Call*	11,000,000
Manila Polo	-	2,750,000
Makati Sports Club A/B	Pls. Call	-
Manila Southwoods A/B*	650,000/750,000*	700,000*
Metropolitan Club	100,000	-
Mimosa Golf Ind./C3*	140,000	255,000*
Mt. Malarayat	350,000	-
Orchard Golf	230,000	-
Phil. Columbian	65,000	-
Puerto Azul "A"/"B"	120,000/150,000*	-
Punta Fuego	Pls. Call	-
Quezon City Sports Club "A"	220,000	200,000
Riviera Golf "A"/"C"*	100,000/450,000*	280,000*
Riviera Golf "B"	250,000	-
Royale Tagaytay A/C*	90,000/Pls. Call*	-
Sherwoods "A"/"B"/"C"*	105,000/Pls. Call*	-
Sta. Elena Golf "A"	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
Subic Bay Yacht Club "Corp"	330,000	-
Subic Golf	180,000	-
Tagaytay Country Club	-	400,000
Tagaytay Highlands Golf & CC	800,000	-
Tagaytay Midlands	Pls. Call	780,000
Valley Golf & CC	-	250,000
Valle Verde (Indiv.)	-	150,000
Wack Wack Golf	7,400,000	-

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Alabang Country Club "A" (Filipino)	1,550,000	1,600,000
Alabang Country Club "B" (Foreigner)	-	2,000,000
Baguio Country Club	700,000	740,000
Calatagan Golf Club "A"	-	85,000
Calatagan Golf Club "B"	-	110,000
Camp John Hay	240,000	Please Call
Canlubang	-	600,000
Canyonwoods	Please Call	200,000
Capitol Hills		115,000
Celebrity Sports Club	-	180,000
Eagle Ridge "A"/"B"/"C"	Please Call	Please Call
Eastridge "A"		180,000
Evercrest "A"	-	100,000
Forest Hills "A"	210,000	220,000
Forest Hills "B"	210,000	250,000
Forest Hills "C"	250,000	270,000
Makati Sports Club "A"	250,000	300,000
Makati Sports Club "B"	Please Call	-
Manila Golf (Corporate)	-	14,000,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	10,000,000	14,000,000
Manila Polo	2,700,000	2,850,000
Manila Southwoods "A"	Please Call	650,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	740,000	800,000
Metropolitan Club "A"	-	120,000
Metropolitan Club "B"		150,000
Montemar (Individual)	30,000	40,000
Montemar (Corp)	50,000	-
Mt. Malarayat (Individual)	-	350,000
Orchard Golf Club "A"/"B"/"C"	Please Call	Please Call
Pueblo de Oro "A"/"B"/"C"	-	Please Call
Puerto Azul	-	125,000
Quezon City Sports Club	200,000	220,000
Riviera Golf & Country Club "A"	-	Please Call
Rockwell	380,000	450,000
Sherwood Hills "A"	-	100,000
Sta. Elena "A"	1,625,000	1,850,000
Sta. Elena "B"	-	2,100,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Corporate)		280,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Individual)	-	170,000
Tagaytay Country Club	400,000	450,000
Tagaytay Highlands	820,000	875,000
Tagaytay Midlands	780,000	-
The Country Club	Please Call	Please Call
Valle Verde (Individual)	-	Please Call
Valle Verde (Corporate)	-	330,000
Valley Golf	280,000	-
Wack-Wack Golf Club	6,875,000	7,300,000

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Alabang "A"	25,000	Mimosa Golf	25,000
Calatagan "A"	10,000	Orchard "A"	30,000
Canlubang	60,000	Riviera "A"	15,000
Eagleridge	15,000	Sta. Elena	60,000
Eastridge "A"	20,000	Tagaytay CC	20,000
Forest Hills	30,000	Tagaytay Golf	45,000
Manila Southwoods	20,000	Tagaytay Mid.	35,000
Makati Sports "A"	25,000	Valley Golf	20,000
Manila Golf	300,000	Wack-Wack	90,000

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Baguio Country Club	700,000
Camp John Hay Golf	275,000
Canyon Woods	170,000
Capitol Hills	115,000
Celebrity	175,000
Eagle Ridge A & B	330,000
Forest Hills "A"/B/C	220/250/230
Manila Golf (Corp.)	12.9M
Manila Southwoods A	618,000
Manila Southwoods B	700,000
Makati Sports "A"	260,000
Manila Southwoods A/B	Installment Avail.
Mimosa	135,000
Mt. Malarayat A/B	340,000/400,000
Orchard "A"/B	200/250
Punta Fuego Club	520,000
Subic Yacht (Indiv.)	150,000
Tagaytay Highland Club	420,000
Tagaytay Highland Golf	850,000
Wack Wack	7M

BUYING:

Alabang A	1,580,000
Canlubang Golf	550,000
Capitol Hills	110,000
EagleRidge C	Please call
Forest Hill "A"/B/C	210/250/200
Manila Golf (Indiv.)	11M
Manila Polo	2.8M
Orchard C	350,000
Rockwell Club	380,000
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2	BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB	700,000.00	
3	BUENAVISTA NATURE PARK & COUNTRY CLUB	Please call	
4	CAPITOL HILLS GOLF CLUB	120,000.00	Please call
5	CAMP JOHN HAY GOLF CLUB	270,000.00	
6	CELEBRITY SPORTS CLUB	180,000.00	
7	EASTRIDGE GOLF CLUB	200,000.00	
8	FONTANA "D"	70,000.00	
9	FOREST HILLS "A"		220,000.00
10	MANILA GOLF CLUB (Ind.)		11,000,000.00
11	MANILA GOLF CLUB (Corp.)	13,000,000.00	
12	MANILA POLO CLUB		2,800,000.00
13	MANILA SOUTHWOODS "A"	630,000.00	
14	METRO CLUB "A"	100,000.00	
15	MIMOSA (Ind.)	125,000.00	
16	MT. MALARAYAT "A"	360,000.00	
17	MONTEMAR BEACH CLUB	35,000.00	
18	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "A"	Please call	
19	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "B"	Please call	Please call
20	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "C"		Please call
21	PHILIPPINE COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION	80,000.00	
22	PUERTO AZUL BEACH CLUB "A"	100,000.00	
23	PUNTA FUEGO	650,000.00	
24	QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	220,000.00	
25	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "A"	200,000.00	
26	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "B"	250,000.00	
27	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "C"	350,000.00	
28	SHERWOOD HILLS "A"	80,000.00	
29	SHERWOOD HILLS "B"	150,000.00	Please call
30	STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB "A"	Please call	1,850,000.00
31	SPLENDIDO	1,000,000.00	Please call
32	SUBIC YACHT CLUB (Ind.)	200,000.00	
33	TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB	900,000.00	
34	VALLE VERDE COUNTRY CLUB		155,000.00
35	VALLEY GOLF CLUB		250,000.00
36	WACK WACK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	7,000,000.00	
37	OTHERS	Please call	

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5-year bear market is about to end

MR. BEARBULL

Ron Nathan

I TOOK my feverish daughter to the pediatrician but she has little patients. She said that fever is a matter of degree and gave her antibiotics, analgesics and cough medicine. The doctor is very phlegmatic and expectorates highly in her profession.

Suddenly, a woman entered, speaking unintelligibly, her skin a yellowish color. Immediately, the doctor diagnosed her as having jaundice and called the chief of nephrology, who confirmed the diagnosis. He took the protesting woman upstairs, gave her a local anaesthetic, and carried out a liver biopsy. This is painful because a large needle is inserted deeply and the procedure takes an agonizing 15 minutes. To the consultant's astonishment, the laboratory results showed the liver to be perfectly normal.

Undeterred, he took the still-protesting woman to the operating room and proceeded to remove her spleen. This was not enlarged and showed no abnormality. Unable to expleen why he had performed the operation, he ordered an M.R.I., which showed a tiny polyp in her colon. He promptly removed half of it, leaving her with a semi colon, and in a commatose state for a period. It was not until the third day that they discovered she was Japanese.

I received many emails about arthritic knees, but I only gave information on a kneed to know basis.

The accounting frauds in American might lead all the way to the top. Vice President Cheney was formerly employed by Haliburton Oil, which is now under investigation. When President Bush heard about it, he was livid, and the Vice President was afraid to approach the burning Bush because it might start a Cheney reaction. He is a sick man. He has had two heart operations and wears a pacemaker. His fear is not of police arrest; more of cardiac arrest.

On Tuesday night, from 10 p.m. till after midnight, I watched Alan Greenspan read his prepared remarks and then answer questions for nearly two hours. I was so impressed with his total grasp of the situation that most of Wednesday's newsletter was devoted to a summary and analysis of what he said.

First, he reiterated his previous statements that the American economy is extremely resilient. After a brutal terrorist attack, which would have destroyed the economy of most other countries, the stock market bounced back after two months, and GNP for the first quarter of 2002 was an astonishing 6.1 percent. Although this rate cannot be sustained, he expects the economy to grow by 3.5 percent this year, and by at least 4 percent next year, so there is nothing wrong with the fundamentals, and the fall in the stock market is irrational manic depression (my words).

Home sales have been rising steadily, the retail sector is doing well, and sales of cars reached record levels, thanks to cheap financing. Industrial production rose 0.8 percent this month, inventories are building up slowly, prices are steady and there are no signs of inflation so the FED can maintain its accommodating stance. In plain English, this means that interest rates will remain unchanged for some time. Only the tech sector and biotech stocks are under pressure, and many are back to five-year lows.

The reason for the collapse in the market is investors' lack of confidence in the accounting system. Enron, Adelphia Communications, Worldcom, Xerox, Tyco and Elan have all restated their profits with disastrous consequences to their stock prices. The most blatant fraud was Enron, which shredded its vital documents.

In order to restore confidence, the Senate unanimously passed a bill, which provides greater penalties for irregular disclosures, and the President has also announced punitive measures for wrongdoers. Greenspan asked the Senate not to change the American system, which is the best in the world, pointing out that these infractions only represent a tiny percentage of the many thousands of listed companies. With share prices so low, he did not foresee much opportunity for more tampering with accounts and asked that stock options be treated as a company expense.

The last day for filing second-quarter results is Aug. 14. You can be sure that between now and then, all companies that have anything to hide are going to come clean. The quarterly announcements are just beginning and blue-chip IBM has started the ball rolling with a huge unexpected loss, the laying off of 6,000 to 8,000 workers, and a $2 billion write-off of assets.

The next four weeks are going to be hair-raising for investors (unless they are bald), as company after company downgrade their forecasts, and lower their estimates for the third and fourth quarters. The Dow and the Nasdaq will continue to fluctuate wildly and this will affect all markets except ours. But, thereafter, accounting standards are going to improve dramatically, companies will beat their deliberately conservative estimates, and the stock market will recover.

I believe we are at, or very near the bottom, and for the first time since February, I have started advising clients to Buy selected stocks. For three years, I have been bearish, correctly so, but now I think it is time to accumulate over the next month, both for trading and for long term.

For months, I have refrained from plugging my newsletter because there were no BUY signals. Now there are, and the daily newsletter has been improved to such an extent, that it has doubled in size and contains various kinds of charts. If you are by nature a trader, or if you have a portfolio worth P500,000, you will find the advice given very much to your advantage.

I have moved to Abacus Securities at Tektite, and if you choose to deal with them sizably, you can get special concessions. *For further details contact mrbearbull@hotmail.com and indicate whether you are a short-term player or a long-term investor.*

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BAGUIO CC	765.000	CAPITOL HILLS	100,000
CAMP JOHN HAY	300,000	CELEBRITY CLUB	165,000
CANLUBANG GC	625,000	CC AT TAGAYTAY	Call now
CAPITOL HILLS	130,000	EAGLE RIDGE "A"	300,000
CELEBRITY CLUB	Call now	MANILA GOLF (INDIV)	11,000,000
MANILA POLO	3,000,000	MANILA POLO	2,750,000
MLA STHWOODS "A"	670,000	MLA STHWOODS "B"	750,000
ORCHARD GCC "A"	Call now	MT MALARAYAT "A"	Call now
RIVIERA GCC "A"	Call now	RIVIERA GCC "C"	450,000
STA ELENA "A"	1,850,000	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	750,000
SUBIC BAY YACHT (CORP)	350,000	VALLEY GOLF	250,000
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CC AT TAGAYTAY	20,000	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	30,000
MANILA GOLF	400 000	THE COUNTRY CLUB	Call now
STA. ELENA "A"	65 000	WACK WACK	90,000

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Alabang Country Club "A"	1 500 000	1 500.000
Camp John Hay	290.000	270.000
Capitol Hills Golf & CC A/B"	120.000	Pls. Call
Canyon Woods	100.000	-
Canlubang Golf	550 000	-
Calatagan Golf Club	100.000	-
City Sports Club	530.000	Pls. Call
Club Filipino	Pls Call	-
Eagleridge "A"/"C"	340,000/350,000"	-
Eastridge	200,000	-
Evercrest	100,000	
Fairways & Blue Waters	500,000	-
Fontana D/C	90,000/140,000	Pls Call
Forest Hills "A"/"C"	230.000	230.000"
Manila Golf Ind /Corp."	Pls. Call"	11,000 000
Manila Polo	-	2,750,000
Makati Sports Club A/B	Pls Call	-
Manila Southwoods A/B"	650,000/750,000"	700,000"
Metropolitan Club	100.000	-
Mimosa Golf Ind /C"	140 000	265,000"
Mt. Malarayat	350.000	-
Orchard Golf	230,000	-
Phil Columbian	65,000	-
Puerto Azul "A"/"B"	120,000/150,000"	-
Punta Fuego	Pls Call	
Quezon City Sports Club "A"	220 000	200,000
Riviera Golf "A"/"C"	190 000/450 000"	200,000"
Riviera Golf "B"	250.000	-
Royale Tagaytay A/C"	90,000/Pls. Call"	-
Sherwoods "A"/"B"/"C"	105,000/Pls. Call"	-
Sta Elena Golf "A"	Pls Call	Pls. Call
Subic Bay Yacht Club Corp"	330,000	-
Subic Golf	100,000	
Tagaytay Country Club	-	400.000
Tagaytay Highlands Golf & CC	900 000	-
Tagaytay Midlands	Pls. Call	780.000
Valley Golf & CC	-	250 000
Valle Verde (indiv)	-	150,000
Wack Wack Golf	7 400 000	-

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CLUB	BUYER	SELLER
Alabang Country Club "A" [illegible]		[illegible]
Alabang Country Club "B" [illegible]		2,0[illegible]
Baguio Country Club		740 [illegible]
Calatagan Golf Club [illegible]		65.000
Calatagan Golf Club "B"		110.0[illegible]
Camp John Hay	240,[illegible]	Please Call
[illegible]		600 000
[illegible]	Please Call	200,000
[illegible]		115.000
[illegible]		150 000
[illegible]	Please [illegible]	Please Call
[illegible]		180 0[illegible]
[illegible] "A"		130 [illegible]
[illegible] "A"	210,000	220,000
Forest Hills "B"	210.000	260.000
Forest Hills "C"	250.000	270,000
Makati Sports Club "A"	250.000	300.000
Makati Sports Club "B"	Please Call	
Manila Golf (Corporate)	-	14,000 000
Manila Golf (Individual)	10,000,000	14,000 000
Manila Polo	2,700 000	2,850 000
Manila Southwoods "A"	Please Call	650 000
Manila Southwoods "B"	740 000	800 000
Metropolitan Club "A"		120.000
Metropolitan Club "B"		150.000
Montemar (Individual)	30,000	40.000
Montemar (Corp)	50.000	-
Mt. Malarayat (Individual)		350 000
Orchard Golf Club "A"/"B"/"C"	Please Call	Please Call
Pueblo de Oro "A"/"B"/"C"	-	Please Call
Puerto Azul	-	125,000
Quezon City Sports Club	200,000	220 000
Riviera Golf & Country Club "A"	-	Please Call
Rockwell	380,000	450,000
Sherwood Hills "A"	-	100.000
Sta Elena "A"	1 825,000	1,850 000
Sta Elena "B"		2,100.000
Subic Bay Yacht (Corporate)		280,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Individual)	-	170 000
Tagaytay Country Club	400,000	450,000
Tagaytay Highlands	820.000	875,000
Tagaytay Midlands	750,000	-
The Country Club	Please Call	Please Call
Valle Verde (Individual)	-	Please Call
Valle Verde (Corporate)	-	330,000
Valley Golf	280 000	-
Wack-Wack Golf Club	6,875,000	7,300,000

PLAYING RIGHTS (Available Lessors)

Alabang "A"	25.000	Mimosa Golf	25,000
Calatagan "A"	10,000	Orchard "A"	30.000
Canlubang	60.000	Riviera "A"	15,000
Eagleridge	15.000	Sta. Elena	60.000
Eastridge "A"	20.000	Tagaytay CC	20,000
Forest Hills	30 000	Tagaytay Golf	45.000
Manila Southwoods	20,000	Tagaytay Mid.	35 000
Makati Sports "A"	25 000	Valley Golf	20,000
Manila Golf	300.300	Wack-Wack	90 000

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Profit-taking seen this week

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The main-share Philippine Stock Exchange composite index rose by 3.75 percent to close at 1,161.69 on Friday, reversing a nine-week decline.

Except for PLDT, Licaros said there was no indication that foreign funds were gobbling up local stocks as there was no expectation of spectacular corporate earnings for the second quarter.

But Licaros said some blue-chip issues like SM Prime Holdings Inc., PLDT and Meralco might have room to move up this week on a technical basis.

She said SMPH, which closed at P5.70 on Friday, might test P6. On the other hand, PLDT, whose share prices were on a channel-bound trading, might be ripe for bargain-hunting at P360. Meralco is attractive as its support level at P28 is holding but may have some limited upside, she said.

"But instead of buying on upward movements, these should be seen as an opportunity to harvest gains rather than accumulate," Licaros said.

For stock pundits, she recommended a "speculative buy" on Metro Pacific Corp. and Benpres Holdings Corp., which are both undergoing a debt restructuring program, for this week.

Equitable PCI chief market strategist Michael Ricafort agreed that the next resistance level for the Phisix was at the 1,180 to 1,200 range. "Technically, the index consistently manifested oversold signals since the latter part of June until the early part of this week, prior to the most recent gains," Ricafort said.

"However, firmer technical signals have yet to be seen in able to provide confirmation that a near-term bottom has already been reached at the seven-month low of 1,115 posted last July 8," he said.

Ricafort noted that the market's initial support was at 1,135 while the next psychological support remained at 1,100.

PCI Capital Corp. analyst Mike Ordinanza said the market should seek direction from interest rate movements this week.

"Everyone is also waiting for the second quarter results which should be better compared to the first quarter," he said. ***Doris C. Dumlao***

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Baguio Country Club 700 000
Camp John Hay Golf 275.000
Canyon Woods 170.000
Capitol Hills 115.000
Celebrity 175.000
Eagle Ridge A & B 330 000
Forest Hills "A"/B/C 220/250/230
Manila Golf (Corp.) 12.9M
Manila Southwoods A 618 000
Manila Southwoods B 7[illegible]
Makati Sports "A" 260 00[illegible]
Manila Southwoods A/B Installment Avail
Mimosa 135 000
Mt. Malarayat A/B 340,000/400 000
Orchard "A"/B 200/250
Punta Fuego Club 520.000
Subic Yacht (Indiv.) 150 000
Tagaytay Highland Club 420 000
Tagaytay Highland Golf 850 [illegible]
Wack Wack 7M

BUYING
Alabang A 1 580 000
Canlubang Golf 550 000
Capitol Hills 110.000
EagleRidge C Please call
Forest Hill "A"/B/C 210/250/200
Manila Golf (Indiv.) 11M
Manila Polo 2 8M
Orchard C 350,000
Rockwell Club 380 000
Tagaytay Highlands Golf 820 000
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		ASKED PRICE	BID PRICE
1	ALABANG COUNTRY CLUB "A"	1 600 000.00	
2	BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB	700 000.00	
3	BUENAVISTA NATURE PARK & COUNTRY CLUB	Please call	
4	CAPITOL HILLS GOLF CLUB	120 000.00	Please call
5	CAMP JOHN HAY GOLF CLUB	370 000.00	
6	CELEBRITY SPORTS CLUB	180,000.00	
7	EASTRIDGE GOLF CLUB	200 000.00	
8	FONTANA "D"	70 000.00	
9	FOREST HILLS "A"		220 000.00
10	MANILA GOLF CLUB (Ind.)		11,000,000.00
11	MANILA GOLF CLUB (Corp.)	13,000,000.00	
12	MANILA POLO CLUB		2,800 000.00
13	MANILA SOUTHWOODS "A"	630 000.00	
14	METRO CLUB "A"	100 000.00	
15	MIMOSA (Ind.)	125 000.00	
16	MT. MALARAYAT "A"	350 000.00	
17	MONTEMAR BEACH CLUB	35 000.00	
18	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "A"	Please call	
19	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "B"	Please call	Please call
20	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "C"		Please call
21	PHILIPPINE COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION	80 000.00	
22	PUERTO AZUL BEACH CLUB "A"	100 000.00	
23	PUNTA FUEGO	650 000.00	
24	QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	220 000.00	
25	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "A"	200 000.00	
26	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "B"	250 000.00	
27	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "C"	350 000.00	
28	SHERWOOD HILLS "A"	80 000.00	
29	SHERWOOD HILLS "B"	150 000.00	Please call
30	STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB "A"	Please call	1,650 000.00
31	SPLENDIDO	1 000 000.00	Please call
32	SUBIC YACHT CLUB (Ind.)	200 000.00	
33	TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB	900 000.00	
34	VALLE VERDE COUNTRY CLUB		155,000.00
35	VALLEY GOLF CLUB		250,000.00
36	WACK WACK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	7000 000.00	
37	OTHERS	Please call	

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MANILA SOUTHWOODS
MANILA GOLF CLUB (Corp.)
STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB
TAGAYTAY GOLF CLUB
TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS
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Cocktales . . .

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of harsh letters, Dragon told De la Fuente to just "allow the court to decide" on how best to settle their differences.

In recommending the indictment, Prosecutor Edgardo Hirang noted that Dragon did not even bother to show up during the preliminary investigation.

Heard through the grapevine

GLOBE phone and pre-paid card dealers are rebelling against the new stringent marketing arrangements being imposed by an expat Globe executive.

The same restiveness is also infecting the Kodak Express franchise holders against their US mother company. *(Cocktales may be reached by e-mail at cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com or at cocktales_pdi@hotmail.com.)*

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Friday, July 19, 2002

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	17	17	17	17	59,900
Banco Filipino Sav & Mort	95	100	95	100	600
Bank of the Phil. Islands	49.5	50.5	49	50	948,500
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	28	30	28	30	192,400
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	33	34	33	33.5	197,500
Philippine National Bank	32	32	32	32	6,700
Phil. Savings Bank	26.5	28	26	26.5	3,800
Security Bank Corp.	14	14	14	14	800
Union Bank of the Phil.	19	19	19	19	104,000
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.32	0.35	0.32	0.35	40,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1290	1290	1290	1290	2,760
Sun Life Financial Serv.	980	990	980	990	350
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	2,000
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.64	0.69	0.64	0.69	4,140,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	530	540	525	530	2,520
ISM Communications Corp.	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	7,000,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3	3	3	3	20,000
Piltel	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.32	8,400,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	80,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	332.5	342.5	330	335	149,590
Ivantage Corp.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	30,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.012	0.012	0.011	0.012	74,600,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	20	22.5	20	21	10,100
Manila Electric Co. B	28	29.5	28	29.5	700,800
Petron Corp.	1.74	1.78	1.74	1.76	3,917,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.78	1.8	1.76	1.76	13,113,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.42	2.44	2.42	2.44	61,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	1,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	50,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.7	0.71	0.7	0.7	90,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	12.75	13	12.75	13	92,000
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	33	33	33	33	291,000
RFM Corp.	0.95	0.96	0.95	0.95	660,000
Swift Food Inc	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	10,000
San Miguel Corp. A	47	47	47	47	57,900
San Miguel Corp. B	54	54	53.5	53.5	100,300
Universal Robina Corp.	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	1,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	10,000
Ayala Corp.	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.5	5,989,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.44	2.6	2.4	2.55	14,012,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	600,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	10,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.34	0.36	0.34	0.36	2,730,000
A Brown Company Inc.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	100,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	300,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	30,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	3.3	4.3	3.3	4.3	4,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.32	1.34	1.32	1.34	510,000
First Phil Hldgs. Corp.	15.25	15.25	14.5	15.25	2,069,400
Ionics Inc.	6	6	6	6	5,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	120,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.69	7,320,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.4	0.45	0.4	0.45	20,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	2,860,000
Music Corp.	0.17	0.18	0.16	0.17	290,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	10,000
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	33,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.26	0.28	0.26	0.26	850,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Matsushita Elec Phil Corp	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	4,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.45	0.51	0.45	0.5	330,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	100,000
Pryce Corp.	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	500,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	8.5	8.7	8.5	8.7	6,000
Steniel Manufacturing	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	10,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	500,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	100,000
Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	10,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	23.25	23.25	23	23	103,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,000
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.5	10.25	10.5	1,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.25	10.5	10.25	10.5	2,100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Bb	10	10	10	10	200
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6	6	5.9	6	9,946,000
Cityland Development Corp.	2.02	2.02	2.02	2.02	100,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	70,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.19	800,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	700,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.28	2.3	2.28	2.3	1,201,000
Highlands Prime Inc.	1.86	1.88	1.86	1.88	1,360,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	24,000
SM Development Corp.	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81	50,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7	9,148,000
UrbanCorp.Realty Dev. Inc.	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	200,000
MINING					
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.185	0.19	0.185	0.185	150,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.2	0.21	0.2	0.21	150,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	9,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	16,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't. Corp.	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	2,100,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	300,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	1,500,000
Interport Res.	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	10,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	
160,000,000					
Pacifica	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	6,000,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.34	0.4	0.34	0.4	130,000
Vulcan Ind'l.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	10,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,559,310	66,780,400.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	2,653,121,010	475,960,860.00
PRO	23,599,000	117,587,890.00
Mining	27,700,000	236,100.00
OIL	177,640,000	595,700.00
GRAND TOTALS:	2,883,619,320	661,160,950.00

	AVERAGES	
Banks & Fin Svc	466.27	UP 4.90
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,600.28	UP 13.47
PRO	532.45	DOWN 0.32
Mining	1,181.01	UP 4.40
OIL	1.29	DOWN 0.02
All Shares Index	674.16	UP 1.53
Composite	1,167.56	UP 10.96

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NO. OF TRADED ISSUES: 98; NO. OF TRADES: 1,885

CURRENCIES

July 19, 2002 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	0.988826	1.000000	50.3810
Japan	Yen	0.008486	0.008582	0.4324
United Kingdom	Pound	1.555819	1.573400	79.2695
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.126774	0.128207	6.4592
Switzerland	Franc	0.682702	0.690417	34.7839
Canada	Dollar	0.640308	0.647543	32.6239
Singapore	Dollar	0.569272	0.575705	29.0046
Australia	Dollar	0.545409	0.551572	27.7887
Bahrain	Dinar	2.623021	2.652661	133.6437
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.263673	0.266652	13.4342
Brunei	Dollar	0.566987	0.573394	28.8882
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000113	0.000114	0.0057
Thailand	Baht	0.024385	0.024661	1.2424
UAE	Dirham	0.269245	0.272287	13.7181
Korea	Won	0.000852	0.000862	0.0434
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.011300	50.9503
Argentina	Real	0.280121	0.283286	14.2722
Brazil	Real	0.345019	0.348918	17.5788
Denmark	Kroner	0.134379	0.135897	6.8466
India	Rupee	0.020305	0.020534	1.0345
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.260252	0.263193	13.2599
Mexico	New Peso	0.102299	0.103455	5.2122
New Zealand	Dollar	0.477394	0.482789	24.3234
Norway	Kroner	0.135049	0.136575	6.8808
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Taiwan conglomerate eyes RP flour mill project

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

UNI-PRESIDENT Enterprises, Taiwan's largest food conglomerate, is planning to invest in a multi-million-dollar integrated flour milling facility in the country in line with its plan to enter the local food market.

A source from the Manila Economic and Cultural Office said the President group was exploring other investment opportunities in the country, specifically in flour milling, to further expand its presence here.

The President group currently runs the 7-Eleven chain of 24-hour convenience stores both in Taiwan and the Philippines. It acquired 50.4 percent of the local franchise from Philippine Seven Corp. a few years ago for P992 million.

The Meco source said that after getting a feel of the Philippine retail market through 7-Eleven, the President group was now keen on going into food manufacturing in view of the country's sizable population of 80 million.

The source said the President group wanted a bigger investment and that it would not settle for just flour milling as it wanted a fully integrated manufacturing operation here.

The source said the President group already runs an integrated flour milling plant in Taiwan which it was planning to duplicate here. The source said the group wanted to be close to its target market.

The President group currently has a joint venture for noodle manufacturing with RFM Corp., which is among the top 3 flour millers in the country. The other big millers are Pillsbury and General Milling Corp.

The President group exports a wide range of food products (such as flour, edible oil, instant foods, beverages, dairy products, condiments, bakery products, frozen health foods, and processed meat products) and animal feeds through more than 100 companies and affiliates worldwide.

Meco is targeting to generate up to $1 billion in foreign direct investments from Taiwan over the next three years as it steps up its investment promotion efforts through networking with Taiwan industry groups and the creation of special marketing teams.

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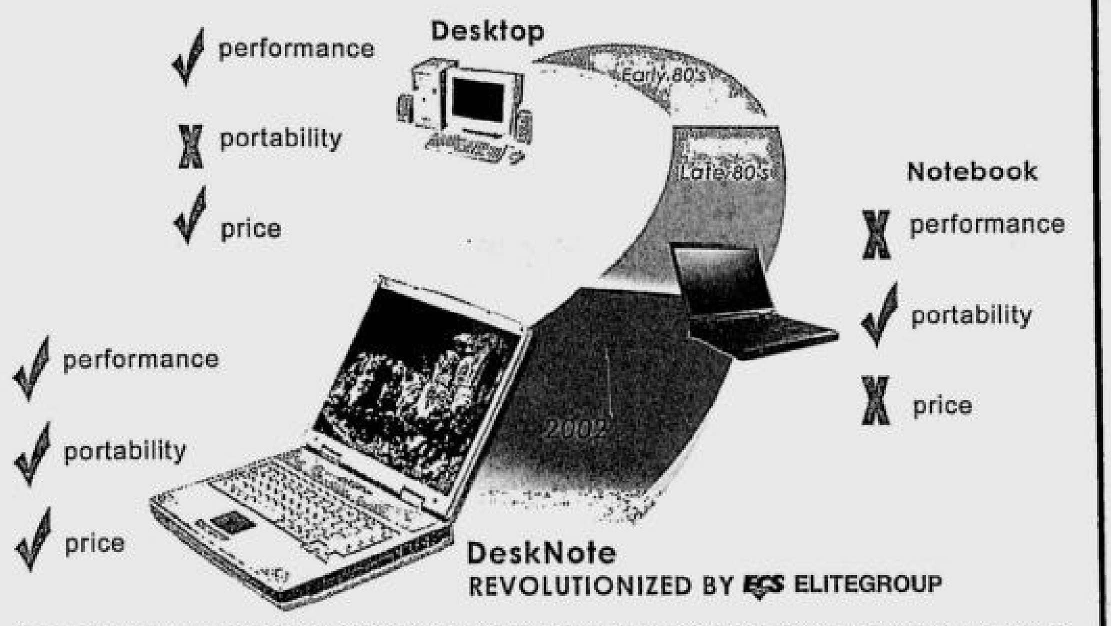

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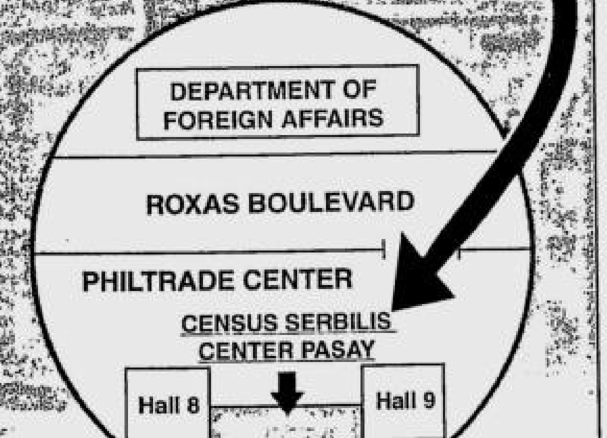

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Stock slump forces DBS Vickers to close shop

By Doris C. Dumlao

DBS Vickers Securities (Philippines) Inc., a unit of the Development Bank of Singapore, one of Asia's biggest, and one of the country's most active brokers, is folding up amid sluggish market conditions.

Persons familiar with the situation told the Inquirer that DBS Vickers' closure—part of DBS' regional reorganization—would be officially announced this week.

DBS Vickers' decision to shut down came as trading volumes again began shrinking to depressing levels.

DBS Vickers' closure will bring down to 136 the total number of active stockbrokerages, still better than the low of 134 this year but lower than 140 as of end-2001.

The local unit of DBS Vickers Securities—a product of the merger between DBS Securities and Vickers Ballas Securities—ranked as the ninth top broker in the PSE during the first semester of the year. It accounted for 2.8 percent of P195.17 billion in value turnover during the period.

Parent firm DBS Vickers Securities has full stockbrokerage licenses in Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand, as well as offices in Malaysia, Shenzhen, New York and London. It offers a broad range of services that include block trading, share placement, provision of corporate and economic research, nominee and securities custodial services.

Last year, a lot of big foreign stockbrokerages left the local stock market due to dismal trading volumes, which averaged at only P500 million and even hit an all-time low of P200 million from about P1 billion in 2000 and over P2 billion in previous years.

As of end-2001, there were 10 remaining active foreign brokers, while 23 suspended operations.

Among the big stockbrokerages that left the Philippine market last year were: Merrill Lynch Securities (Philippines) Inc. which, however, continued operations as Philippine Equity Partners Inc., which was formed after a management buyout; HSBC Securities (Philippines) Inc.; GK Goh Securities (Philippines) Inc.; Nomura Securities Philippines Inc.; Securities 2000 Inc.; Citicorp Securities International (RP) Inc.; Guoco Securities (Philippines) Inc. and Worldsec International Securities (Philippines) Inc.

Activities in the local stock market were revived in the first quarter of the year but slackened again starting the second quarter.

RP has third lowest lending rate in Asia

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas has said the country's real lending rate, usually computed as the average rate minus inflation, is the third lowest among 10 countries in Asia, including Japan and India.

In a news statement, BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura said the country's modest real lending rate was bolstering the government's expectations of a stronger economic activity in the coming months.

"This implies a relatively lower cost of capital for business which should augur well for economic activity in the near term," Buenaventura said.

Bank lending, however, had yet to pick up as of May, when the level of loans extended by banks dropped 1.8 percent to P1.41 trillion compared with a year earlier.

Based on a survey made as of July 15, Japan had the lowest lending rate of 3 percent, followed by South Korea, 4.1 percent.

Trailing the Philippines are Malaysia, with 4.98 percent; Singapore, 5.7 percent; and Indonesia, 6.53 percent.

Thailand and India both recorded a real interest rate level of 6.8 percent, followed by Taiwan, 7.84 percent; and Hong Kong, 8.23 percent.

The relatively higher rates in Taiwan and Hong Kong were partly brought by their negative inflation rates.

Real interest rate is computed by subtracting the inflation rate from the average lending rate of banks, the BSP overnight borrowing rate, and the treasury bill rate.

Domestic interest rates have significantly declined since late last year after the government managed to contain the deficit of P147 billion to its target of P145 billion.

A declining inflation since last year also helped push rates down.

Key BSP rates of 7 percent for overnight borrowing and 9.25 percent for overnight lending were also down to their lowest level in 10 years.

"Together with the benign inflation outlook, the present level of real interest rates is expected to continue and provide a supportive macroeconomic environment that would encourage stronger domestic consumption and investment activity over the coming months," Buenaventura said.

PSALM mulls letting private firms run Transco

THE POWER Sector Assets and Liabilities Management has said it is considering whether the management and operation of the National Transmission Corp. can be offered to private investors instead of its franchise.

PSALM president Edgardo del Fonso said in an interview that PSALM was studying the new tack in view of difficulties expected with having a law passed that would allow the government to transfer its franchise to a private concessionaire.

"(President Macapagal-Arroyo) has broached this idea earlier," Del Fonso said, "but we are not letting up on lobbying for the franchise bill."

Asked when PSALM would deem it necessary to adopt the new tack, he said: "We can assess the situation once Congress resumes session. Maybe then we could get some clarifications from (the lawmakers.)"

Del Fonso said should the gridlock on passing the franchise bill linger, PSALM would take steps to review the privatization plan for Transco.

The Joint Congressional Power Commission approved in March the privatization plan for Transco but withheld a go-ahead for that of the National Power Corp.'s power plants.

Energy officials have explained that the government's strategy is to privatize the Transco ahead of the plants.

They said investors preferred to know who would run and manage the country's transmission system before they could make decisions about buying the power plants.

Energy Secretary Vincent Perez Jr. said in earlier interviews that at least two European companies—National Grid of the United Kingdom and Red Electrica of Spain—had expressed serious interest in Transco. ***Ronnel W. Domingo***

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Pump-priming Mindanao's economy

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LAST month saw us Mindanawons lobbying again for Mindanao's equitable share of the national budget. The second Mindanao budget summit at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel on June 22 was the second time for us. It was the first time for the Macapagal administration.

Nearly three years have passed since the first Mindanao budget summit in Malacañang. There, we encouraged our policymakers to give Mindanao a shot in the arm by investing in its infrastructure requirements. We were looking at a calibrated share of the budget pie that would top off at 31 to 34 percent by 2004. The Estrada administration at that time assured us that massive capital infusions for Mindanao's seaports, airports and inter-regional road linkages will be in the pipeline. The Department of Public Works and Highways pledged to raise their 2000 budget to 27 percent from an average of 21 percent right after that first summit, a figure we deemed a promising start.

This year's Mindanao budget summit focused on two vital components of the island's total development: the economic and social sectors. I had the task of delivering our position paper for the former. My piece focused on agriculture, trade and industry, tourism, and the environment. The crucial interplay of the four sectors mentioned implies that they should be looked into as the sum of all parts. The lobby for a 31- to 34-percent budget share remains constant.

Mindanao's agriculture sector employment as of 2000 was pegged at 3.5 million, 34 percent of the country's total. The island's share to the country's gross value added figure was 34.21 percent, with a 1.73-percent average annual growth rate. Despite these figures, the government has given Mindanao only an average 27-percent budget share over the past decades. The cash cow somehow gets to eat dog food.

Even at the current 27-percent average national budget allocation, the island contributes 44 percent of the country's food production. Surely, a greater capital infusion by the government in Mindanao will have a higher return on investment. We have great hopes for this sector as, during the summit, Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor pledged a 37-percent Mindanao budget share for 2003.

The paradox surrounding Mindanao is that it is so rich yet it is so poor.

All these years, it somehow has never gone past its role as the country's raw material supplier. Manufacturing and processing remain to be the domain of Luzon and the Visayas, with industry locators somehow taking the situation as a given. This mindset puts Mindanao on the distaff side, making its trade and industry component seemingly negligible in terms of viability.

As of 1995, only 10 percent of the total number of manufacturers in the country were in Mindanao—a figure that is also reflected at present. Perhaps this will explain why hordes of Mindanawons have joined other Filipinos in seeking employment in Metro Manila, where they usually end up in factories in dire need of their technical skills. Why not reverse the trend by investing in Mindanao?

The perceived "war-torn" image of Mindanao, as usually portrayed by media networks, is a far cry from the relative peace and profitability that the correctly informed business locators are enjoying in the island. It is clear that the trade and industry sector should complement Mindanao's agricultural growth in order to absorb the island's available skilled labor force. In this case, small and medium enterprises could take up the slack, with the Department of Trade and Industry taking the lead. We believe that a 30-percent budget share for DTI-Mindanao will be sufficient for its programs. However, the actual disbursements by the DTI's central office have fallen short by 13 percent.

While we aim for the development of our agri-industries, we also keep in mind the need to preserve our natural resources. Mindanao's 10-million-hectare timberland resource remains the country's only contiguous preserve. In 2001, it provided 90 percent of the country's total timber production. Community-based forest management programs are to be found anywhere in Mindanao. What they direly need is a realistic budget that will put muscle to enforcement and sustainability. At a 6-percent annual depletion rate, Mindanao's timber resource can't survive if the government just shells out a meager 4 percent of the national forestry budget for the island. Our position is for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to increase its Mindanao budget to 38 percent.

The recent spate of isolated incidents in the Basilan-Sulu area has somehow dampened tourism efforts in Mindanao. It is little known that elsewhere in Mindanao, business is as usual. In fact, more "eco-resorts" are being set up by local businessmen. The Department of Tourism, however, is in need of more personnel to ensure a consistent implementation of its plans and programs in the regions. Records gleaned from the DOT show that Mindanao's 22-percent share is nothing compared to Luzon's 58 percent. A higher DOT budget will mean more personnel, more equipment and greater leverage in terms of local training and actual promotions.

I firmly believe that we could do no wrong if we invest our meager national budget resources to where they will matter most—nowhere else but in Mindanao. Our advocacy calls for an equitable share—it is not motivated by greed or by the desire to improve our lot at the expense of others. Our source of inspiration lies in the 18-million-strong Mindanawon community, more than half of whom are living in squalor and poverty. This is the driving force behind the Mindanao business sector's strategic partnership with agencies such as the Mindanao Economic Development Council and the Growth with Equity in Mindanao Program of the Usaid. As columnist Gaylord Nelson of the New York Times once wrote: "The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to do something today for future generations whose words of thanks cannot be heard." *(Joji Ilagan-Bian is chair of the Mindanao Business Council and Philippine country director of the East Asean Business Council.)*

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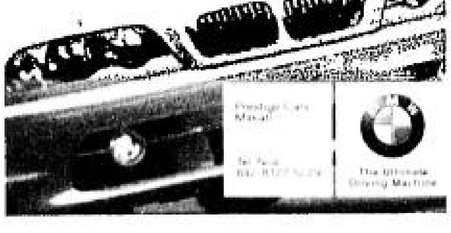

Settle bids for cell phone frequency, NTC tells 3 firms

THE NATIONAL Telecommunications Commission has given three telecom companies seeking a mobile phone frequency to work on a settlement rather than engage in a bidding war.

"We're giving them time to talk among themselves, but we're also studying how we'll conduct the bidding. The NTC has no experience in this, so we're still studying how we'll set the guidelines," NTC chief Eliseo Rio Jr. said in an interview.

Express Telecommunications Co. Inc., Globe Telecom Inc. and Smart Communications Inc. are seeking to secure from the NTC the remaining five-megahertz cellular phone frequency available to them.

Among the three, only Extelcom has yet to offer mobile phone services using the global system for mobile communications platform.

Rio said Extelcom—with its more pressing need for the frequency—could ask Globe and Smart to withdraw their applications.

Should the two mobile phone firms refuse, he said, the NTC would have to conduct an auction.

NTC frequency division head Alvin Blanco said in an earlier interview that the NTC had yet to set a minimum price for the frequency. ***Abigail L. Ho***

Call centers seen going the way of 'lechon manok' in two years

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

A LEADING Filipino information and communication technology expert has warned that most of the country's call centers—the centerpiece of the Department of Trade and Industry's ICT development strategy—will be out of business within the next two years.

This gloomy outlook was drawn by Information Technology Association of the Philippines director and Oracle Philippines Corp. managing director Bernard Yu, who reiterated his group's plea for the creation of a separate agency that would draw up and implement a long-term technology development strategy.

"We believe that call centers are just a fad and will go the way of the 'lechon manok.' We expect most of the call centers in operation now to disappear by 2003 or 2004," Yu told the INQUIRER.

Yu said most call centers that had mushroomed in the country merely rode on a trend.

"They put up call centers with just one or two clients as an initial base, expecting that customers will start lining up after they have built their facilities. But most of their capacity has been idle, with the IT global market in a slump," Yu said.

It is just a matter of time before technology powerhouses like India and China begin to dominate the call center market, he added.

Yu said there really was no quarrel between ICT leaders and Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II on the promotion of call centers.

"His mandate is to create as many jobs in the shortest possible time. Our goal is to establish an ICT development strategy that will make the Philippines a regional or global leader in this field after 10 years," he said.

This, he said, is the reason why it is crucial for President Macapagal-Arroyo to create a Department of ICT separate from any existing agencies.

"We need a Cabinet official who can devote his full time in setting a national development policy and implementing this strategy," Yu said.

He said the Information Technology and E-Commerce Council, a joint public and private body chaired by the President with Roxas as co-chair, had not been effective because it had merely been an advocacy body with no real power to implement policies.

Yu said the current Philippine ICT crisis was likely to deepen with the imminent collapse of the call-center business, which would mean fewer jobs for a growing number of technology workers.

"We are aware of our weaknesses, but even ICT leaders differ on how to address this. We need a strong and focused government support to unite the ICT industry to a common goal," Yu said.

Go after big-time evaders, ex-DOF chief tells GMA

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE MACAPAGAL administration can still improve its tax collection by pursuing "big fish" evaders, according to former Finance Secretary Roberto de Ocampo.

De Ocampo told reporters on Friday that the Macapagal administration's "silence" on the matter of tax evasion was "deafening."

He said going after big-time evaders still offered the best way for the government to augment its tax-related revenues and plug its deficit leakage.

The government's budget deficit has widened to P107.54 billion in the first five months of the year, already hitting close to the full-year target of P130 billion.

De Ocampo said the ballooning budget deficit was not entirely due to poor fiscal management, as the sluggish global economy last year was partly to blame for lower tax and tariff revenues.

"But the administration doesn't give a clear signal as to what kind of whip to crack on tax evaders," he said.

De Ocampo said while the filing of court and administrative charges might not lead to instant cash for the government, it would signal that the government was serious in cracking down on tax evaders and would, at least, lead to higher revenues on better compliance.

BSP sees no let-up in attempts to jack up T-bill yields

By Clarissa S. Batino

ASSURANCES from the country's economic managers that the Macapagal administration will meet its full-year deficit target of P130 billion have failed to satisfy the fixed-income market, which remains determined to push the cost of government borrowings by as much as 50 basis points in today's auction.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael Buenaventura, however, believes that the auction committee headed by the Bureau of Treasury will continue to thwart attempts to push treasury bill yields up.

"Rates would either go sideways, or the government could reject because it can afford to," he said.

The treasury-led committee rejected in full offers during the last two auctions, and government officials pointed to the state's healthy cash position to justify its decision.

The government realized P62.9 billion in proceeds from the issuance of three- and five-year retail treasury bonds plus the $300-million raised from the seven-year global bond market last month.

"There will be a slight upward adjustment in the shorter term but slightly higher in the one-year bills. The market will try to push rates up between 10 and 50 basis points," a foreign bank treasury official said.

Treasury bill rates have remained frozen to their June 10 average of 4.778 percent for the 91-day, 5.736 percent for the 182-day and 5.856 percent for the 364-day debt papers.

The market, said another trader, remained skeptical of the government's ability to meet its deficit target this year after the five-month fiscal gap swelled to P107.54 billion or already 83 percent of the full-year objective.

While the 91-day rate in the secondary market remained modest at 4.96 percent last Friday, the six-month and one-year yields have gone up to 6.05 percent and 6.99 percent.

"We are hitting the lows on bond yield but there might be slight resistance from the market on the shorter-end of the yield curve," said a trader from a local bank.

Last week, the Bureau of Treasury said it might cut T-bill offerings in the fourth quarter.

"We will review the size of 9 billion (peso fortnightly Treasury bill offerings) for the fourth quarter. We still have to look at the borrowing needs. The chances are we might lower it," Deputy Treasurer Ed Mendiola told reporters after the government's T-bill auction on Tuesday.

At the auction, the Treasury rejected all bids for 91-day, 182-day and 364-day papers. It also threw out all bids at the previous auction on June 25.

"I think the signal today is very clear. We will not allow rates to go up," Mendiola said.

"Rates were unreasonably high. The submissions were throw-away bids. There's no reason for rates to go up. We have low inflation in May. We have a stable exchange rate."

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NHMFC accountant seeks 'predictable' law on SPAVs

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE NATIONAL Home Mortgage and Finance Corp.'s financial adviser has asked Congress to amend what it sees as "pro-borrower" provisions of the special purpose asset vehicle bill.

In a position paper, accounting firm Punongbayan & Araullo warned lawmakers that these provisions, unless amended, would discourage investors from investing billions in the local housing industry.

In an interview, Punongbayan & Araullo principal Antonio Herbosa said Section 12 of the proposed special purpose asset vehicle bill might be construed as granting a right to delinquent borrowers to file a temporary restraining order to stop the sale of their non-performing assets.

Under both the House and Senate versions, borrowers are given 90 days from the time a financial institution begins transferring their non-performing assets to a special purpose asset vehicle to restructure or pay their debts.

Punongbayan & Araullo said this 90-day period should cover restructuring opportunities and repayment programs offered in the past but were never secured by the debtor.

The accounting firm has also urged Congress to amend Section 13 of the bill, which allows original borrowers or owners to participate in the auction of non-performing assets.

Lawmakers should make it specific that the original borrower or owner must not only bid for a specific non-performing asset but an entire portfolio to prevent "cherry-picking" during an auction, it said.

It added that debtors should be prevented from bidding for their own foreclosed assets, specifically real or other property owned and acquired.

The NHMFC has tapped Punongbayan & Araullo to package the sale of P40 billion worth of housing loans.

The loans, covering about 180,000 accounts, were funded by state-controlled agencies, specifically the Social Security System, Government Service Insurance System and Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-Ibig.

Punongbayan & Araullo said the speedy passage of a "clear and predictable" law on special purpose asset vehicles would help the government realize the highest proceeds from the planned sale of residential mortgages.

Uncertainty over the sale of NHMFC-managed loans, on the other hand, would deter investors and could lead to large opportunity losses for the SSS, GSIS and HDMF, it warned.

SEC clears new minimum commission for brokers

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has approved the Philippine Stock Exchange's decision to set its minimum commission at 0.25 percent of the total value of each transaction, except for broker-to-broker deals.

In a letter to PSE president Ernest Leung, SEC market regulation department director Jose Aquino said the SEC found the minimum commission consistent with Presidential Decree 154.

Under this decree, any commission charged by the stock exchange's brokers must be within the range of not less than P20 and not more than 1.5 percent of the total value of a given transaction.

The SEC has specifically allowed stockbrokers to charge their clients a minimum commission of one-fourth of one percent of the total value of a transaction or P20, whichever is higher, and to charge other brokers a negotiated rate equal, higher or lower than 0.25 percent but in no case less than P20.

SEC Chair Lilia Bautista clarified that she did not recall the approval of the PSE's new minimum commission a week ago but simply delayed it until the broker-to-broker rate could be clarified.

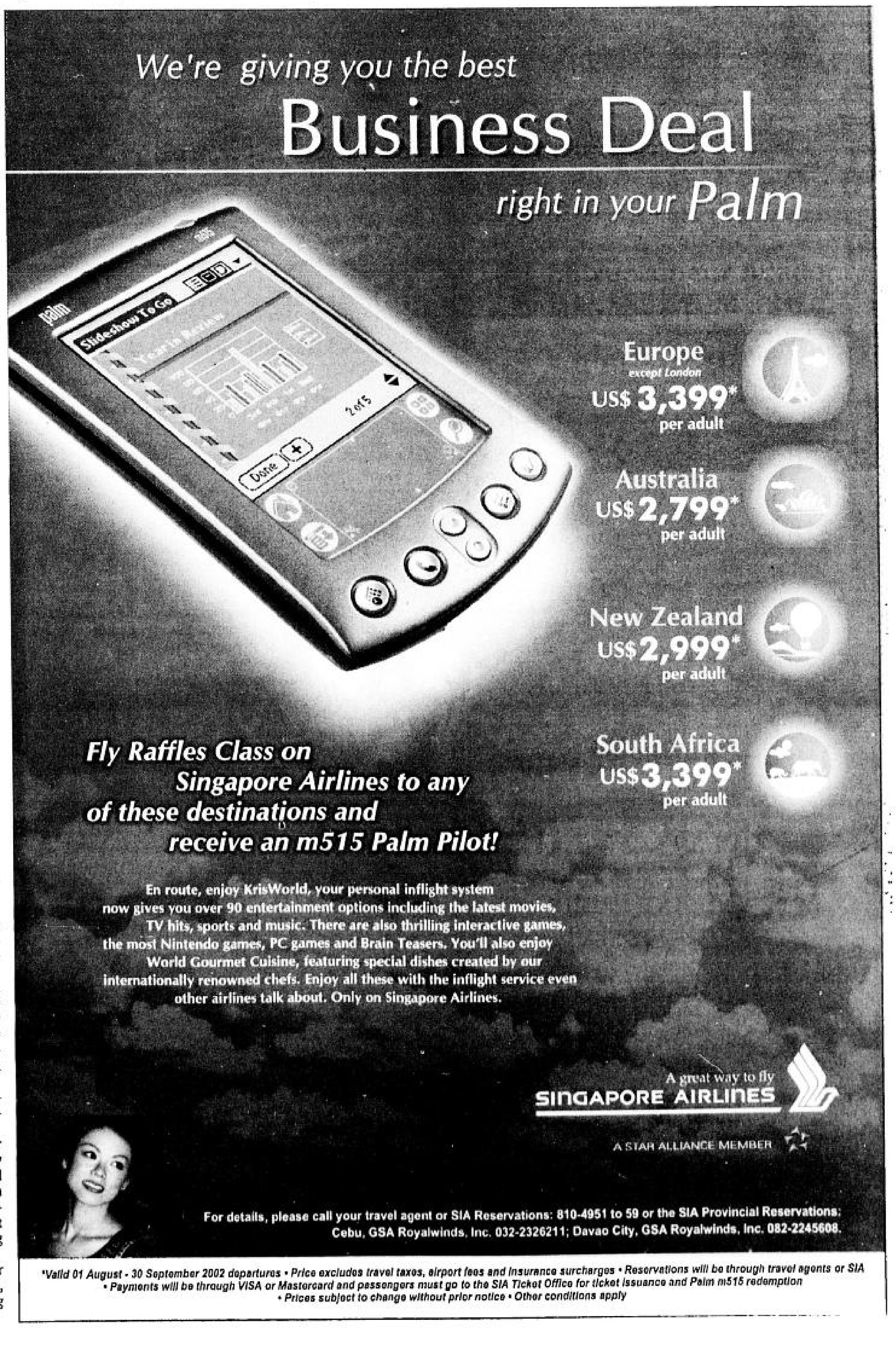
The SEC mistakenly thought that the PSE wanted to exempt broker-to-broker transactions from the minimum P20 commission.

Bautista said the delay also had nothing to do with the complaints of foreign investors that the new minimum commission would increase transaction costs and discourage them from investing in the local equities market.

The local stock market reportedly has one of the highest transaction costs in the region.

A ranking SEC official earlier said the PSE's request for the new minimum commission would have to be reviewed even though the commission en banc approved it a week ago given that foreign investors were objecting to it.

Foreign investors account for the bulk of trading at the PSE, typically 70 percent of trading volume.



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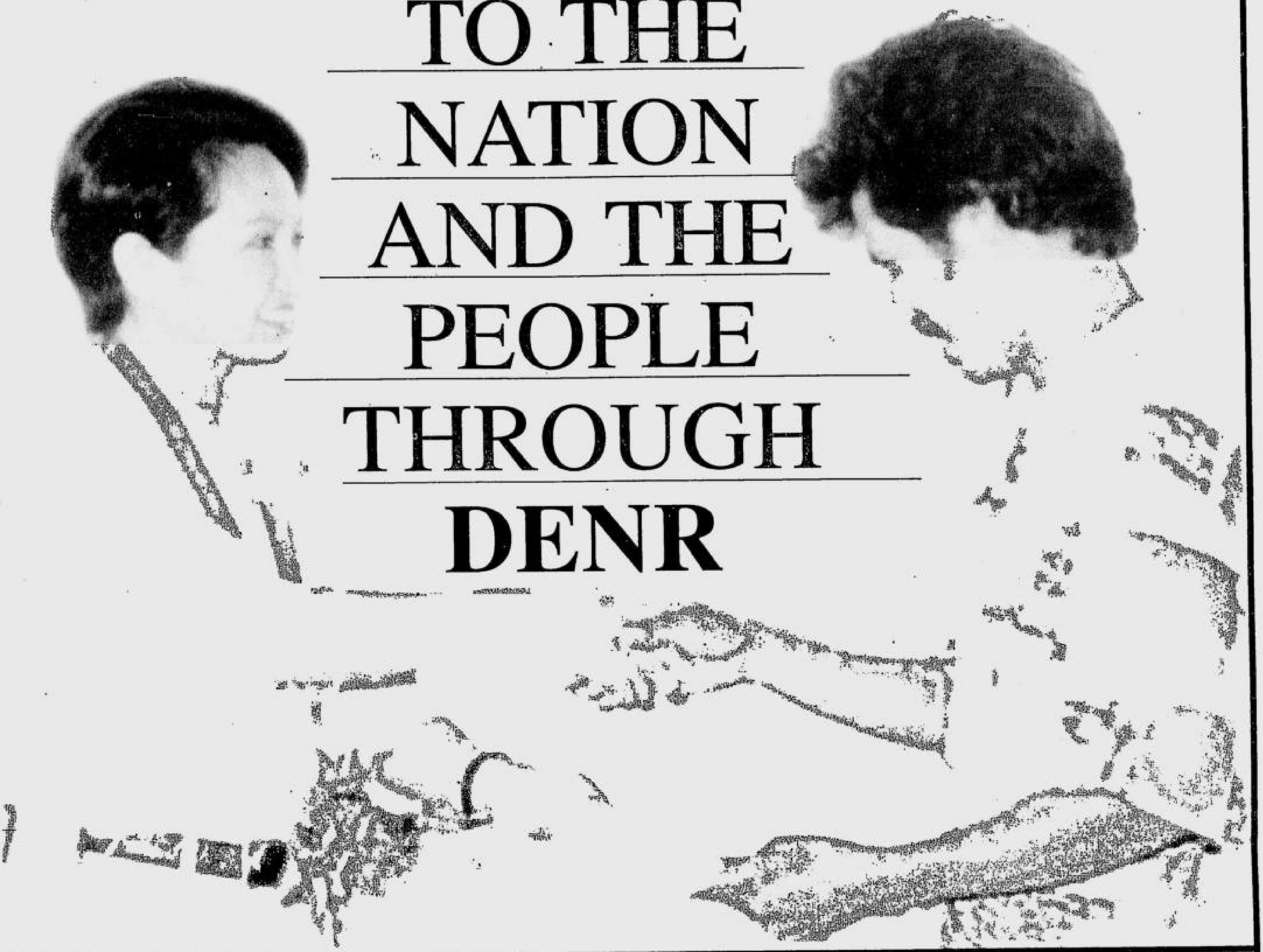

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CONSUMERS SNAP UP IMPORTS

US trade gap hit record high of $37.6B in May

WASHINGTON—The US trade deficit swelled to a record in May on strong consumer demand while tame inflation data solidified expectations the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates low.

The Commerce Department said on Friday that American demand for imported cars, food and other goods pushed the trade gap to $37.64 billion from a revised $36.14 billion in April.

Although economists were encouraged by the spending trends implied in the imports number and by a report from the Labor Department showing mild inflation, an acceleration in the slide in US stock prices fed worries that the market's woes could take a toll on consumer psychology.

The Dow Jones industrial average sank 390 points or 4.6 percent to 8,019, its lowest level since 1998, amid more corporate bad news. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite relinquished a less dramatic 2.8 percent.

A widening of the trade gap, measuring the difference between imports and exports of goods and services, is sometimes seen as a negative sign for the economy because it can suggest consumers are buying more foreign goods than US products.

Economists ratcheted down their forecasts for gross domestic product during the second quarter by about half a percentage point following the trade data, with many economists now looking for an increase of about 2 to 2.5 percent.

Currency traders also interpreted the trade figure negatively, sending the dollar lower.

But economists said that at a time when consumer demand is so central to the fledgling US economic recovery, the leap in imports held promise for the future pace of the expansion.

"It's positive because it shows that people are out buying," said Cary Leahey, economist at Deutsche Bank Securities in New York. "Whether they are buying Toyotas or Buicks, it's a good sign for the economy. It shows decent underlying domestic demand."

Both imports and exports were up in the trade report but since the value of imports is so much larger than that of exports, the trade deficit increased.

Imports grew 1.8 percent to $118.27 billion in May. Exports increased 0.7 percent to $80.64 billion.

While economists generally saw a message of strong demand in the import figures, some cautioned the latest figures might have been artificially boosted by stockpiling of goods at West Coast ports amid worries of a possible strike by dockworkers.

The longshoremen's union whose docks handle more than half of US trade is in tense talks with employers.

"The (trade) deficit is more likely to shrink in the months ahead," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Services in Boston.

The Labor Department's report said the Consumer Price Index, the main US inflation gauge, inched up only 0.1 percent in June, both overall and in the closely watched "core" measure, which strips out volatile food and energy costs.

That was a more tepid reading than the 0.2-percent gains Wall Street had forecast for each measure. Prices last month were soft for a wide variety of goods, from apparel to cars and even housing.

"The trade data shows that we are growing faster than the rest of the world so we are sucking in imports and the benign inflation data shows that consumers' pricing power is holding up," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Bank One Corp. in Chicago.

She and other analysts said the CPI reinforced an already widespread belief that the Fed will keep interest rates at their current 40-year low of 1.75 percent for some time, a policy stance analysts believe will give the economy added juice going forward.

But the stock market—battered by disclosure after disclosure of corporate accounting fraud—has failed to draw solace from a recent string of data that have left little doubt that the economy is still expanding, albeit at a modest pace.

Although the data are pointing to recovery, Wall Street's malaise threatens to put a damper on the spending and investment that are needed to fuel a solid economic rebound.

In testimony this week on Capitol Hill, Fed Chair Alan Greenspan alluded to such concerns.

"While the economy has held up remarkably well, not surprisingly the depressing effects of recent events linger," Greenspan said, citing not just the stock market slide, but also the Sept. 11 attacks and last year's recession.

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Nightmare on Wall Street shows no signs of ending

NEW YORK—The nightmare continued on Wall Street over the past week, as the crisis of confidence sent the major indexes to multiyear lows, with few willing to bet the worst was over.

The horrific week sent the Dow Jones industrials crashing below its post-Sept. 11 lows, down 665.27 points, or 7.6 to 8,019.26, after briefly slipping below 8,000 in Friday's brutal selloff.

The broader Standard and Poor's 500 shared in the pain, down 73.64 points of 7.99 percent to 847.75, hitting lows not seen since 1997.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq, while also hitting a five-year low, held up only slightly better with a loss of 54.35 points, or 3.96 percent, to 1,319.15.

Analysts said the slump was mainly psychological, with many investors throwing in the towel after losing confidence in corporate financial data, although they said the slump was irrational in the face of a strengthening economy.

The Dow broke a seven-session losing streak Wednesday with a modest gain, only to go into another freefall Thursday and Friday amid fears of more corporate scandals.

Wall Street shrugged off news on improving labor market and low inflation, as well as a mixed set of corporate earnings reports that offered a guarded outlook ahead.

"In history there has never been such a disconnect between the economy and the market," Jefferies and Co. chief market strategist Art Hogan said.

"No one seems to be paying attention to the fact that the US economy is doing extremely well. There are just no buyers. There are only sellers."

Richard Cripps, chief market strategist at Legg Mason, said it was too risky to call a bottom with the current mood of investors.

"Bear markets make a fool of those trying to predict market bottoms as it does of those doing the same in a bull market," Cripps said in a note to clients.

"Conditionally, we can say that the factors supporting a major bottom are evident. While it requires faith to look beyond the bearish flow of news, it also requires a belief that one is making a sound investment with a reasonable prospect of reward."

Alfred Goldman of AG Edwards said he was confident stocks would pull out of their malaise.

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A TRADER eyes a monitor from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Friday. Stocks skidded as a criminal probe into drug giant Johnson & Johnson and weak outlooks from high-tech leaders like Sun Microsystems Inc. took another swipe at investor sentiment, one day after a big selloff. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was off 280 points at 8,128.

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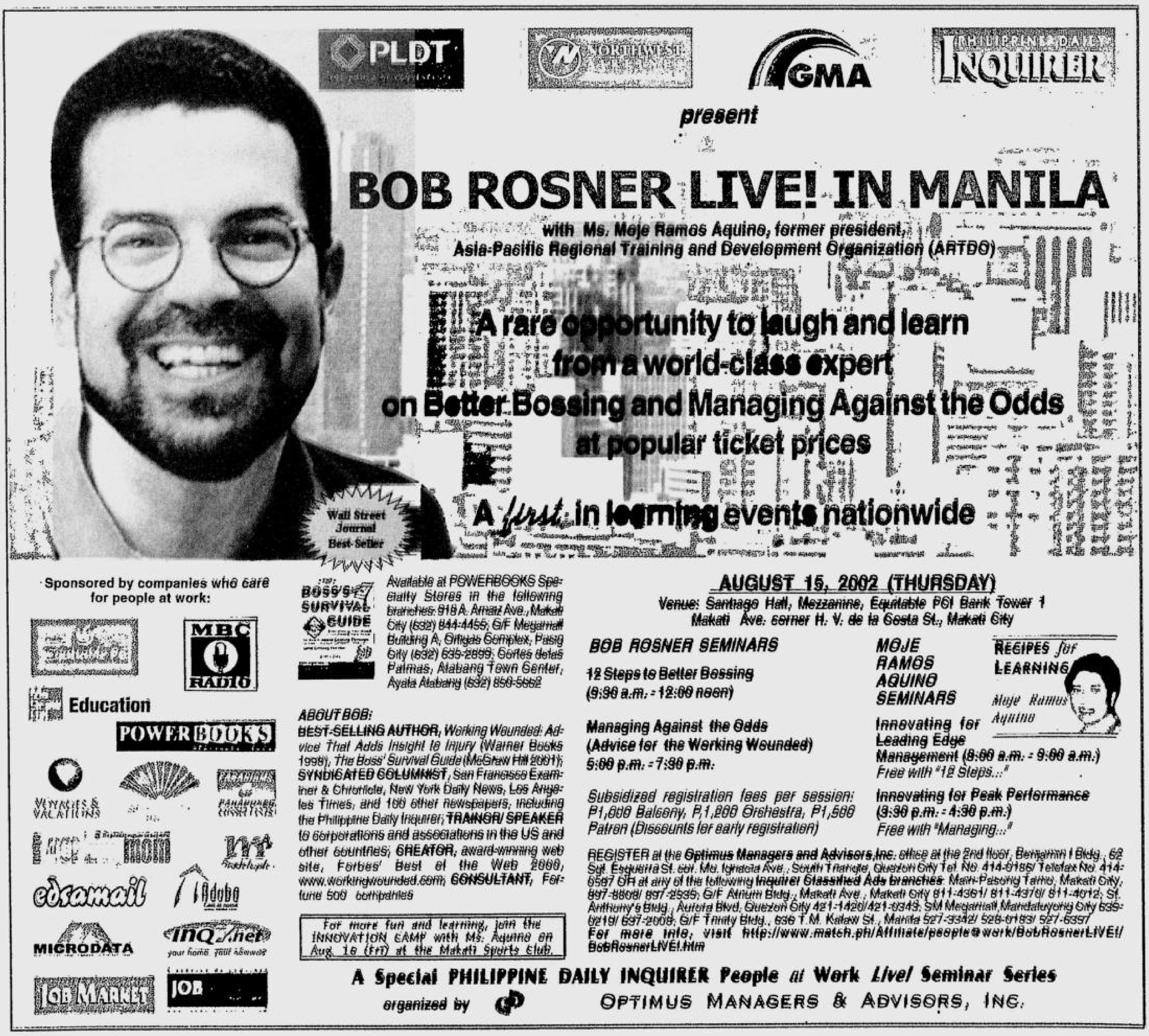

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Deloitte CEO proposes body to probe company crashes

NEW YORK—The head of No. 2 accounting firm Deloitte & Touche on Friday called for the creation of a new federal agency—similar to the transportation board that investigates plane crashes—to probe corporate failures.

The proposal is yet another in a growing list of measures suggested by accountants to restore confidence in corporate America.

Accounting firms themselves have lost much of their credibility since the Andersen-Enron debacle, and accounting veterans view most of the industry's own proposals as largely an effort to stave off legislation for corporate reform, including establishment of an oversight board for accountants.

The accounting firms are under pressure to show their own commitment to reform and restoration of confidence.

In a speech at a meeting of the Ethics Resource Center Fellows Program in Potomac, Maryland, Deloitte's chief executive, James Copeland, said the proposed National Financial Review Board would gather information, draw conclusions and recommend steps to Congress to prevent the recurrence of corporate failures.

Corporate America is reeling from a series of accounting scandals ranging from Enron Corp. to WorldCom Inc. that have destroyed confidence in company's financial statements and pummeled stocks.

"While lawmakers and regulators have made a number of proposals to restore public trust, no one has discussed the need to create a systematic approach to investigate the reasons behind a financial collapse—and, more importantly, prevent future ones," Copeland said in a statement.

Deloitte said it is assembling a team of partners and other professionals with auditing, risk management and public administration experience to develop a model of how the board could be structured, governed and financed. Copeland said he envisnges a structure similar to the National Transportation Safety Board, an independent federal agency that investigates transportation accidents.

Congress and regulators are already debating several proposals to clean up corporate America, including banning accounting firms from providing lucrative consulting services to clients they audit.

Much of the scandal in the accounting world has centered around Andersen, which last month was convicted of obstructing justice in the Enron investigation by destroying documents. Andersen's reputation suffered a sharp blow last year on disclosures that it had approved Enron's off-the-books partnerships that hid billions of dollars in debt and inflated profits. *Reuters*

US welcomes EU decision to delay steel retaliation

WASHINGTON—The United States on Friday welcomed a European Union decision to delay possible retaliation on US steel tariffs, but repeated its view that Brussels had no basis for imposing any sanctions.

"We're pleased to see that the Europeans have stepped back from unilateral trade retaliation, which would not have helped Europe, the United States or the world trading system," Associate US Trade Representative Josette Shiner said.

"As we have stated, the unilateral actions the EU has been considering would have been unprecedented and in violation of international trade rules," she said in a statement.

Shiner also said the US steel tariffs imposed by President George W. Bush in March have actually helped strengthen prices for European steel products, as well as for the stocks of European steel companies.

"So there has been no economic rationale for retaliation," Shiner said.

The EU's 15 ambassadors agreed unanimously on Friday to delay a decision on retaliation until Sept. 30. It took the action shortly after the United States announced it was excluding more European steel products from the tariffs.

Since June, the United States has excluded 261 foreign steel products from the tariffs, which range from 8 to 30 percent in 10 categories and are scheduled to be phased out over three years.

The Bush administration has been working its way through hundreds of exclusion requests from domestic manufacturers and foreign steel importers. It plans to continue announcing exclusions on a more-or-less weekly basis until Aug. 31.

Bush imposed the tariffs to help the US steel industry get back on its feet after a string of more than 30 bankruptcies since 1997. The United States says WTO "safeguard" rules allows countries to temporarily curb imports to help domestic producers adapt to competition.

Shiner said the United States was also encouraged by recent EU statements stressing the need for world steel producers to reduce excess capacity and crack down on government subsidies and other unfair trading practices. *Reuters*

Aviation industry troubles cast shadow over airshow

FARNBOROUGH, England—Aviation executives gathering at the Farnborough Air Show this week are expected to talk up the industry's recovery from its worst crisis in decades, but the depleted order books may tell a different story.

Usually Farnborough is used by aircraft makers as an occasion to unveil jumbo-sized orders, with arch-rivals European Airbus and US Boeing fighting for center stage at the biennial event near London, which runs from July 22-28.

This year, however, much of the focus is expected to shift away from civil aviation toward defense as producers vie for a share of a huge boost in military spending in the United States.

In 2000, the aviation industry unveiled $52 billion (euros) worth of orders at Farnborough, mostly for commercial aircraft.

But 10 months on from the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings, airlines are still struggling to return to profitability, aircraft orders have plummeted and hundreds of planes are parked unused in the Arizona desert.

Now analysts warn that the recovery in the airline industry may be stalling as well.

"We are increasingly concerned that the airline industry recovery has run out of steam, both in terms of traffic recovery and in terms of earnings upgrades," said JP Morgan analyst Chris Avery.

"Given the weakness of the airline industry conditions, we are not anticipating the large number of new civil aircraft purchase decisions to be announced (at Farnborough), as they used to be in the first few days of the show at the peak of the last cycle," he wrote in a note to clients.

Avery warned that unless airline profits pick up strongly, aircraft orders will fall next year. Many of this year's orders have been made by Europe's booming budget airlines, which will be unlikely to need any more aircraft next year.

The two largest aircraft makers, Boeing and Airbus, have already said they expect delivery levels this year to fall short of 2001.

Boeing, which sold 527 planes in 2001, expects to deliver 380 this year and between 275 and 300 in 2003.

Airbus, in which European Aeronautics Defense and Space Company (EADS) owns 80 percent and Britain's BAE Systems holds 20 percent, sold 325 aircraft in 2001 and expects to deliver 300 both this year and next.

But the industry is still expected to have a few civil aircraft deals to announce at Farnborough, one of the industry's biggest gatherings along with Le Bourget, France, which is held on alternate years to the British show.

Airbus may unveil a deal to sell jets worth $600 million to Russian flag carrier Aeroflot after Russian President Vladimir Putin confirmed on Friday that the contract had been signed.

Another airline tipped as a possible buyer is Australian low-fare carrier Virgin Blue, which has signaled its intention to expand its fleet. *AFP*

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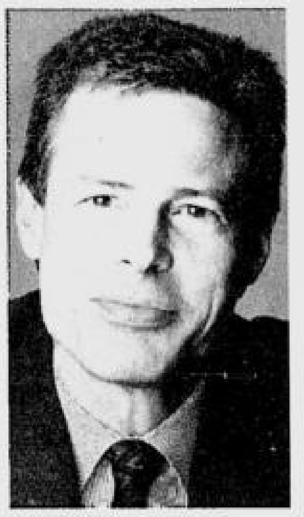

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NEW YORK—By ridding itself of Internet cheerleader Robert Pittman and replacing him with two battle-hardened media executives, AOL Time Warner has solved one of its most pressing short-term problems. But the world's largest media company still has plenty of work cut out for itself.

For one, its stock is tanking. Investors don't like the fact that the key America Online division is sputtering and that the company failed to live up to promises of rapid growth and greater cooperation among the conglomerate's far-flung media holdings.

As a result, the stock is off 60 percent so far this year, and it fell again in heavy trading Friday.

People are still trying to figure out who is in charge. After the merger closed, Pittman was seen as a key point man. Now he's out, and the soft-spoken Richard Parsons is CEO. Former chief executive Gerald Levin retired unexpectedly last year, and the company has also replaced its chief financial officer and the heads of its AOL and cable TV divisions.

At first seen as the catalyst that would transform the rest of AOL Time Warner, America Online is now more like a sick patient who needs urgent medical treatment.

Online advertising is falling sharply, and it's still not clear how AOL will convert users to high speed data connections and expand its business now that the dial-up Internet service business is maturing.

The company's organization still seems to be evolving. Prior to the merger with AOL, Time Warner's vast media holdings, which include Time magazine, CNN and Warner Bros., were run as separate fiefdoms.

Pittman tried to exert central control over AOL Time Warner's sales operations but with limited success. Under the new regime, the company will be split into two separate divisions headed by hands-off managers.

Even before it tackles these strategic challenges, there's still a senior post to fill: Pittman's interim job as chief executive of America Online.

Pittman had been installed there just three months ago in an attempt to turn around AOL's deep problems, mainly a drop in advertising revenues.

News leaked out last week that AOL Time Warner was already looking for a new chief executive for the AOL division and had retained the executive search firm Spencer Stuart.

That spelled trouble for Pittman, who was already rumored to be on the outs with many parts of Time Warner's businesses, partly because of a brash management style. *AP*

Avon Q2 profit rises 12% to $154.9M

CHICAGO—Avon Products Inc., the world's largest direct seller of cosmetics, said Friday that profits rose 12 percent in the second quarter as strength in its US and European markets helped offset weak Latin American currencies.

The company, whose products include Anew and Skin-So-Soft, said gains from currency hedging, especially in Argentina and Venezuela, tempered declines in that region, while lower interest rates helped overall profit.

Avon, with some of the largest Latin American exposure of any US consumer products maker, is expected to get almost one-third of its sales from that region this year.

The operations have been hurt by the effects of a currency devaluation in Argentina earlier this year.

The company, meanwhile, has benefited from changes in its US supply chain and sales structure and has recorded strong sales growth in Central and Eastern Europe.

"They've done a very nice job of positioning their brand in those markets," Jim Gingrich, a consumer products analyst at Sanford Bernstein, said.

New York-based Avon, known for its direct sellers, or "Avon Ladies," posted a profit of $154.9 million, or 64 cents a share, compared with $137.7 million, or 57 cents, a year ago.

Analysts forecasted earnings of 61 cents to 64 cents for the quarter, with an average of 63 cents, according to market research firm Thomson First Call.

Total sales rose 4 percent to $1.51 billion. But unit volume rose 12 percent, the company said. Sales excluding currency fluctuation rose only 10 percent, a sign that the company is either seeing a shift in sales to less expensive products or is having to cut prices to maintain volume.

Still, the sales growth in local currencies is strong compared with others in the consumer products sector.

"The bottom line is that they are growing their sales, adjusted for currency, faster than anybody else in the industry," David Kolpak, analyst at Victory Capital Management, which owns 700,000 Avon shares, said.

Avon shares closed down $1.20 cents, or 1.7 percent, at $43.72 Friday on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock lost 4.7 percent in the second quarter, while the Standard & Poor's Personal Products Index fell 1.4 percent.

Avon also said it was comfortable with the average analyst estimate of 47 cents a share for the third quarter and stood by its guidance for full-year earnings of $2.30. *Reuters*

J&J shares tumble as FDA begins probe

NEW YORK—Shares of Johnson & Johnson tumbled to a 16-month low on Friday after federal regulators began probing allegations of fraudulent record-keeping at a plant that makes one of the healthcare giant's best-selling medicines.

J&J spokesperson Jeffrey Leebaw said a US Food and Drug Administration probe of the company was underway and that it apparently involves allegations by a former worker at the plant that the company falsified records.

The plant, in Puerto Rico, makes Eprex, the firm's anemia drug, which has been linked to 141 cases in Europe and Canada of a rare but potentially fatal blood disorder called pure red blood cell aplasia. The medicine has annual sales of about $1.3 billion, or about 4 percent of company revenues.

The company later denied there was any link between the probe and the suspected drug side effects.

"Our investigation of the employee's allegations confirm that the integrity of our product has never been compromised and there is no connection between the allegations and the occurrence of pure red blood cell aplasia," J&J said in a statement Friday afternoon.

J&J said the employee was a maintenance worker with no responsibility for manufacturing who was fired in 1999 for failing to properly complete equipment records.

It added that the FDA inspected the plant last October, while French regulators conducted their own investigation in June. They found no major problems, J&J said.

FDA spokesperson Brad Stone declined to confirm or deny whether the agency's Office of Criminal Investigation was investigating J&J.

"Just because an investigation is undertaken doesn't mean there has been any determination of criminal activity," Stone said. "Very often we find there isn't a reason to proceed or that allegations may not be true."

But investors fled J&J shares as it became the latest drug company to come under the FDA's microscope for possible quality-control problems.

The agency is already investigating Schering-Plough Corp., Ely Lilly and Co. and Abbott Laboratories Inc. for record-keeping and other manufacturing lapses. Earlier this year Schering-Plough paid the FDA an unprecedented $500 million fine related to problems at plants in Puerto Rico and New Jersey.

Shares of J&J, a component of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, lost $7.88, or 15.8 percent, to close at $41.85 in heavy trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The shares have not been that low since March 2001. ***Reuters***

China investments up in H1

BEIJING—Fixed-asset investment in China rose 24.4 percent year-on-year in the first six months of 2002, state media said Saturday.

A total of $134.1 billion in fixed-asset investment—an indication of government spending on infrastructure—was injected into the Chinese economy to the end of June, the China Daily quoted the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) as saying.

Infrastructure investment stood at $69.6 billion, up 23 percent from the same period last year; investment for renovation and upgrading at $24.9 billion, up 16.1 percent; and real estate investment reached $34.1 billion, up 32.9 percent, according to NBS figures.

Figures also show investments increased across China.

In the January-June period, investment in China's eastern regions reached $80.5 billion, up 22.9 percent year-on-year; in the midland $27.7 billion, up 26.7 percent; in western regions $21.6 billion, up 20.9 percent.

The number of infrastructure projects and newly started projects increased by big margins and housing sales jumped 22.4 percent, the report said.

The bureau attributed the rapid growth in fixed-asset investment to increased government spending, much of it on infrastructure.

Urban construction and redevelopment, as well as construction of small-sized towns, also contributed to the growth, the NBS said.

But some economists have warned long-term reliance on pump priming to maintain economic growth is risky as it is leading to rising national debt.

According to official estimates released this week, China's economy as a whole grew 7.5 percent year-on-year in the first six months of 2002, beating a target of 7 percent. ***AFP***

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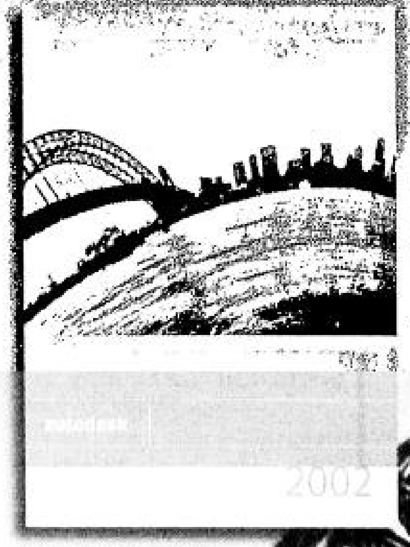

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

1. The Municipality of Guinayangan, Quezon has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development through the Local Government Finance and Development (LOGOFIND) Project for the Construction of Public Market and intends to engage the services of consultant to undertake the Detailed Engineering Design for the said project.
2. The Services include the following:
    Engineering Surveys (i.e. Topographical, Traffic, Soil investigation, etc.)
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    Preliminary Drawings (i.e. Site Development Plans, Floor Plans, Elevations, Sections, Exterior Perspective, etc.)
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    Engineering Documents/Drawings
    Tender Documents
    S-curve, Price Bill of Quantities of Materials, Manpower Utilization and Equipment
    Schedules, Unit Cost Analysis, Individual Program of works/Draft of Approved Agency
    Estimates
3. The Municipal Government of Guinayangan, Quezon now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the Services (Qualification Statement Forms i.e. description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.) Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.
4. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by Bank Borrowers* January 1997, revised September 1997 and January 1999.
5. Interested consultants may obtain further information from Background documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
6. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by no later than August 15, 2002.

Eng'r. RUSSELL C. NARTE
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Guinayangan, Quezon
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(Sgd.) **MANUEL M. BUTARDO**
Municipal Mayor

(PDI - July 14 & 22, 2002)

PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS OF THE CLOSED TRIUMPH SAVINGS BANK

1. By virtue of Monetary Board Resolution No. 890 dated **June 20, 2002** ordering the liquidation of the closed Triumph Savings Bank, the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) will resume receiving and processing claims for payment of insured deposits in the closed Triumph Savings Bank-Head Office and Kalookan Branch. Relative thereto, depositors are requested to proceed to the PDIC Claims Counter located at the ground floor, PDIC Bldg., 2228 Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City to file claims for insured deposits from **July 24, 2002** to **December 12, 2003**. Depositors may also file their claims by mail addressed to:

    The Manager
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    PDIC representatives shall service claims and entertain queries from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Mondays thru Fridays.
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    b. Two (2) latest identification cards/documents (IDs) with depositor's specimen signature.

    Other documents may be required by the PDIC representatives in the course of claims processing.
3. Pursuant to Sec. 11(d) of R.A. 3591, depositors of the closed Triumph Savings Bank - Head Office and Kalookan Branch have 18 months after the order for liquidation or up to **December 12, 2003** to file their claims for insured deposits. After **December 12, 2003**, PDIC as insurer shall no longer accept any claim for insured deposits maintained with the subject bank.

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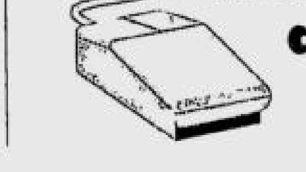

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Interment will be on Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City after the 8:00 a.m. service.

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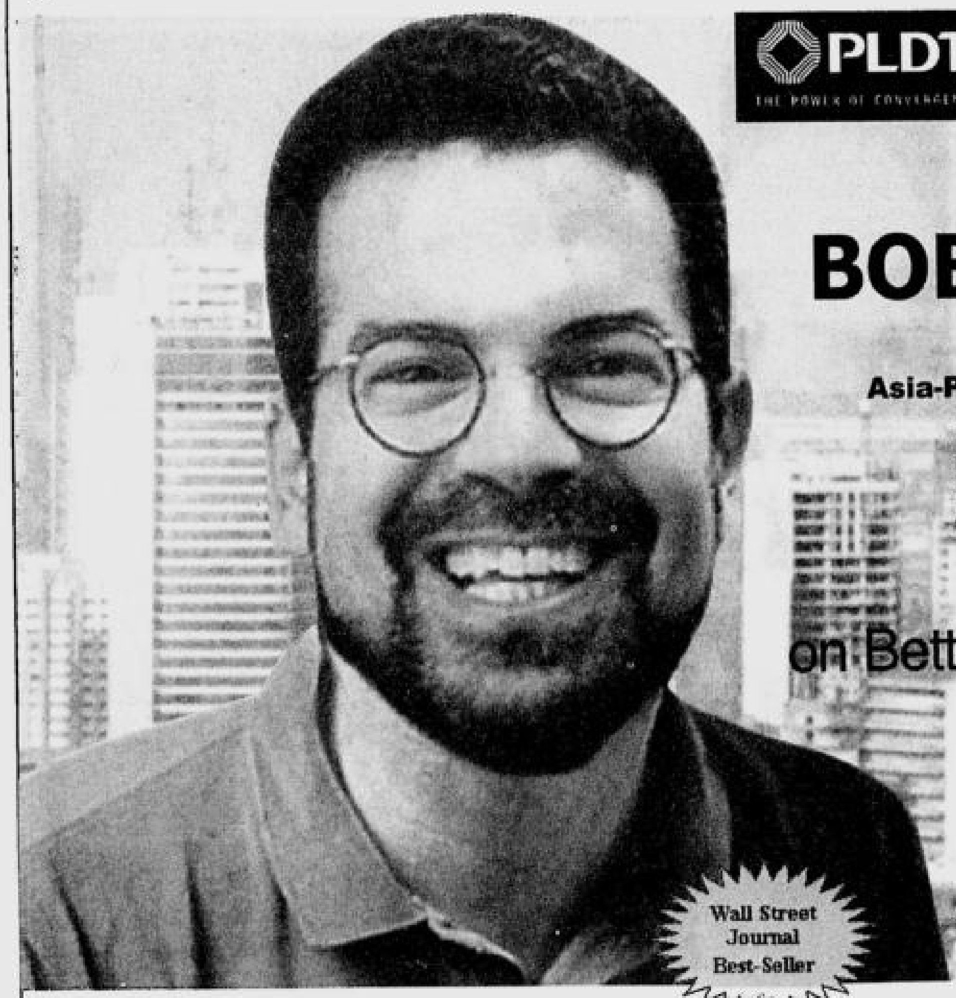

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Proper skin care for diabetics

MANY type 2 diabetes sufferers will at some time develop skin problems. A skin problem may be the first sign that a person has diabetes. Luckily, most skin problems can be prevented or, if detected early enough, can be easily treated.

People with diabetes develop skin problems such as itching and infections more easily. There are also other skin problems that happen only to people with diabetes.

For diabetics, there are several ways to avoid skin problems:

- Keep your diabetes well-controlled. People with high blood levels tend to have dry skin and less ability to fight harmful germs. These may increase the risk of infection.
- Keep skin clean and dry. Use talcum powder in areas where skin touches skin, such as the armpits and groin.
- Avoid very hot bath and showers. If your skin is dry, don't use bubble baths. Moisturizing soap may help. Afterward, use an oil-in-water skin cream. But don't put lotion between toes – it can lead to infection.
- Don't scratch dry skin. Scratching dry or itchy skin can open it up and allow infection to set it. Put lotion or cream on your skin to prevent chapping, especially in cold or windy weather. Use mild shampoos and unscented soaps. During cold, dry months, keep your home humid, and bathe less if possible.
- Look at your body after you wash. Make sure you have no dry, red, or sore spots that might lead to infection.
- Treat cuts right away. Wash minor cuts with soap and water. Do not clean skin with alcohol or iodine because they are too harsh. Use an antibiotic cream or ointment only if your doctor says it's okay. Cover minor cuts with sterile gauze. See doctor right away if you get a large cut, burn or infection.
- Drink lots of water to keep your skin healthy, unless your doctor tells you otherwise.
- Wear all-cotton underwear. Cotton allows air to more around your body better (Nylon and other man-made fabrics may trap moisture.)
- See a dermatologist (skin doctor) about your skin problems if you are not able to solve them yourself.
- Take good care of your feet. Check them every day for sores or cuts. Wear board, or flat shoes that fit well. Check inside your shoes for harmful objects before you put your shoes on

You should also develop a separate action plan – including goals for diet, weight and exercise, to help you control your blood sugar level. That is why companies such as Mead Johnson have come up with a product called Choice DM.

Choice DM is a food supplement beverage specially formulated for people with diabetes. It has 25 vitamins and minerals, including US RDAs for vitamins E and C and is lactose-free. It also has fiber, which is clinically shown to lower blood sugar response.

In addition to taking the steps outlined above, ask your diabetes educator or doctor for help in developing your personal diabetes action plan – a list of things you should do regularly to help you stay healthy.

MAYOR VI WELCOMES LPHI'S LIPA PROJECT

Laguna Properties Holdings Inc. (LPHI), an Ayala Land Inc. subsidiary, led by its president Manuel J. Colayco Jr. (3rd from left) paid a courtesy visit to Mayor Vilma Santos-Recto and presented its farm/hacienda and residential lots development in Barangay Antipolo del Sur and Latag, Lipa City. Also present during the courtesy call were (from left) Rosabella S. Abella, LPHI's senior division manager-planning, Evelyn C. Solis, AVP-sales, (from right) Primitivo B. Nolido, manager-planning, Vice Mayor Fernando A. Manguera, and City Administrator Fr. Librado Dimaunahan.

MONTECILLO JOINS ATI RACING

Dondi Montecillo (left), one of the local heroes of Philippine motorsports, recently signed up with the ATI Group of Companies. He is shown shaking hands with ATI president Antonio T. Inducil during an informal launch of the ATI Group's racing development arm ATI Racing at the Manila Harbor Center recently. Montecillo, a prime mover in the local drag racing community, brings with him two decades of drag racing experience. 'This is a sign of our long-term commitment to promote Philippine motorsports, particularly legal drag racing. With Montecillo's talent, and ATI Group's experience and expertise, ATI racing will elevate the sport of drag racing to a much higher level,' states Inducil.

Rain comes down: flu goes up

ALONG with cold temperatures and heavy downpours, the influenza season is upon us once more. And in its wake is a path of illness, loss of productivity, absenteeism, and sometimes death.

Studies show that influenza can knock the patient flat for up to 7 days, and that would mean days away from school, from work and the disruption of productive and social life. But the greater cause for complications like pneumonia and bronchitis, which according to DOH statistics, are among the leading causes of death in the Philippines. A UK-based study further confirms that the risk of developing influenza and its complications was highest in those with chronic underlying illnesses like COPD (asthma and emphysema), cardiovascular illness, diabetes, cancer and renal transplant patients. At risk also are the elderly (upwards of 50 years old) and infants less than a year old.

A new weapon has been added to the arsenal in the fight against influenza. A new class of drugs called neuraminidase inhibitors treat influenza by targeting the root cause of illness: the influenza virus.

One such neuraminidase inhibitor is a convenient pill designed to be active against all strains of the influenza virus. Influenza patients feel better sooner and return to normal activity faster with Oseltamivir. This drug will prove to be useful for people who cannot afford to be absent or be away from office work.

Influenza is best resolved and its ill effects can be avoided when treated early. So, when you have an abrupt onset of fever, aching muscle and joints, headache, chills, sore throat and dry cough, you could have contracted the flu virus. Consult your doctor within 48 hours. Only your doctor can administer the right anti-viral medicine.

LITTLE MR & MS GANO EXCEL

Gano Excel recently held its regional search for the Little Mr & Ms Gano Excel Southern Luzon, won by Ross Josel Santos and Majarael del Villar. Ross and Majarael will vie for the title of Mr & Ms Gano Excel Philippines 2002. The grand search will be held during Gano Excel Philippines' 3rd anniversary celebration July 27 at the World Trade Center in Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. The regional contest was held in cooperation with Microdata, Dragon Inc., Richmonde Hotel and RJ 100.

PARTNERS FOR S&T

Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Dr. Estrella Alabastro (left) and WG&A Philippines corporate communications manager Gina Virtusio were the principal signatories during the memorandum of agreement ceremonies for the 'Sail on Science' program on board SuperFerry 14, docked along Pier 4, North Harbor, Tondo, Manila. The 'Sail on Science' program aims to create a favorable atmosphere for the development of science and technology consciousness across the country. Together with the Philippine Science Journalists Association Inc. (PSciJourn), the DOST program targets to broaden its S&T promotion activities and aims to contribute in the development of a science-oriented citizenry. WG&A Phils. has pledged to educate its passengers via audio-visual presentations and lectures that center on S&T and related studies.

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THE PRODUCTIVITY and Development Center of the Development Academy of the Philippines and the Philippine Association of Building Administrators invites all senior managers involved in building management, utility systems and maintenance of building machine and equipment to the Training Course on Energy Productivity for Buildings and Offices from July 23 to 25 at the AVR, 6th floor, DAP Conference Center, Pasig City. The training course aims to enable participants to apply productivity principles and technologies to attain efficient energy utilization in buildings without compromising comfort, safety, and health of the occupants. For inquiries, call 631-2156 or 631-0921 to 30 local 135, or e-mail floresf@dap.edu.ph, attn: Francis Flores.

FDC-NFA training for specialists

THE FOOD Development Center of the National Food Authority invites technical personnel with educational backgrounds in food science, food engineering, microbiology or related fields to a training course on the "Establishment of Thermal Processes for Canned Foods" to be held from July 23 to 26 at the FDC Compound, FTI Complex, Taguig. The training course aims to upgrade the technical capability of the participants in establishing adequate thermal processes for canned goods. Participants are encouraged to stay at the FDC dormitory with air-conditioned rooms. For more inquiries, call Luvy Maala at the FDC, NFA, and FTI Complex in Taguig at 838-4014 to 16, 838-4478, 838-4561 and 838-4601. Fax 838-4692 and 838-4016, or e-mail infofdc@pacific.net.ph.

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TOTALFINAELF Philippines, the carrier of Totalgaz LPG, offers every parent a chance to make their child's dreams come true in its latest promo Totalgaz Abot Pangarap Scholarship Promo. At stake is P500,000 worth of educational plan for their child. For a minimum purchase of P250 refill of Totalgaz LPG from authorized participating outlets, patrons are entitled to a raffle envelope coupon. Fill it up and enclose one genuine Totalgaz seal (snap-on or "de roskas"). Drop in drop boxes at Totalgaz dealer showrooms and authorized retail outlets. Kitchen and dining showcases will also be given away. July 24 is the deadline for the submission of entries for the July 31 raffle draw. The grand raffle is on Aug. 30.

SUPERIOR FIGHTERS

SMC-Purefoods recently held a victory party for its Purefoods Beef Loaf Superior endorser, champion Manny 'Pack of Power' Pacquiao (3rd from left). Showing their fighting form with the IBF Super Bantamweight champion are, from left, Butch Alejo, Purefoods-Hormel Co. president, Ricky Gomez, SMC-Purefoods Co. president, Ernie Sotto, SMC-Purefoods Co. marketing head, and Ernie Hernandez, Well Advertising Inc. president.

WORLD CYBER GAMES

Samsung Philippines president Sang Youl Eom (center) pushes a button to signify the launch of the 1st Philippine Cyber Games Challenge at the Atrium of SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City. Sponsored by Samsung Philippines, the games will be held simultaneously from Aug. 1 to 30 in four Metro Manila venues and 10 key cities and provinces: Dagupan, Angeles, Baguio, Legaspi, Iloilo, Zamboanga, Cagayan de Oro, Butuan, Davao and Cebu. The local winners will comprise the 9-man Philippine team, which will compete in the World Cyber Games 2002 in Daejon, South Korea this October. More than 1,500 gamers from 53 countries will compete for $300,000 in grand prizes for the main event. Also shown are Housing Secretary Mike Defensor (left) and celebrity hosts Jaime Wilson and Nina Ricci Alagao. Check out www.samsungelectronics.ph.

INTER-LAW HOOP TOURNEY CHAMPS

Quisumbing Torres Law Office wins over Herrera in the 2002 Inter-Law Basketball Association Championships. 17 law firms joined the tournament. The team is composed of Andre Betita (captain), Jude Espiritu (assistant), Mon Abarico, Leo Abuda, Danny Aguilar, Laurence Arroyo, Maynard Atotubo, Grain Baysa-Pee, Don Calimon, Jomar Castillo, Hermie Convicto, Jim Cruz, Edwin Hernandez, Bien Marquez, Alex Paguirigan, Dennis Quintero, Jonathan Serrano, Rey Yumul, Doods Yumul, and Jon Zuniga. Team manager is Darlene Lim, with Tino Pinat and Butch Villaflor as coach and assistant coach, respectively.

Product FILES

New pasta line at Delifrance

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INFOTECH

Editor **Leo Magno**

New interconnection order catches telcos by surprise

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva
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PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ordered Friday the drafting of a new executive order that would hasten interconnection of services among local telecommunication firms. This move was in reaction to delays in interconnection among local telephone firms, which she said have resulted in "high telecom charges."

Local telephone firms, however, were all caught unaware of the government move.

"We have not seen it...but we're quite surprised that Malacañang is drafting a (new executive order)," said Froilan Castelo, assistant vice president for regulatory matter of the Ayala-owned Globe Telecom, in an interview with INQ7.net. "Our only concern is that it should conform with the provisions of Republic Act 7925 which states that interconnection must be a bilateral agreement among the carriers. One cannot just impose interconnection among the carriers. Government can only intervene when negotiations fail."

Republic Act 7925, also known as "An Act to Promote and Govern the Development of Philippine Telecommunications and the Delivery of Public Telecommunications Services" outlines carrier interconnection policies.

This law also recognizes that local carriers, including wireless operators, should agree on "technical and commercial terms" before they enter interconnection agreements, Froilan explained.

"Under the Constitution, contracts must be respected. So far, Globe has no interconnection issues (with other carriers)," the executive added.

Ramon Isberto, head of public affairs, Smart Communications, also acknowledged that "there exist procedures" for interconnection among carriers.

"So I'm not really aware what specifically they are referring to about problematic areas of interconnection," Isberto said in a separate interview with INQ7.net.

The executive said that "significant interconnection efforts" had been accomplished among the top telecommunication players over two years.

"We have to reserve our comment until we see a copy of the directive," Isberto added.

Philippine Internet Commerce Society (PICS) president Mary Anne Tolentino, for her part, noted that although the organization supports the new EO, they would also like to see the details of the directive because "what is necessary are the implementing guidelines."

Chief presidential legal counsel Avelino Cruz Jr. was asked Friday to draft a new directive that would effectively amend Executive Order 59 issued by former President Fidel Ramos back in 1993, Malacañang said.

EO 59 outlines policy guidelines for "compulsory interconnection of authorized public telecommunications carriers in order to create a universally accessible and fully integrated nationwide telecommunications network and thereby encourage greater private sector investment in telecommunications."

Apart from breaking up the PLDT monopoly (then chaired by Antonio Cojuangco), EO 59 was created to eventually lower subscription rates for consumers.

Malacañang indicated that the new executive order "would enhance the existing policy on interconnection to ensure telecommunication services of public telecommunication entities (PTEs) can access the services as well as the subscribers of other PTEs at acceptable quality of service and at reasonable costs."

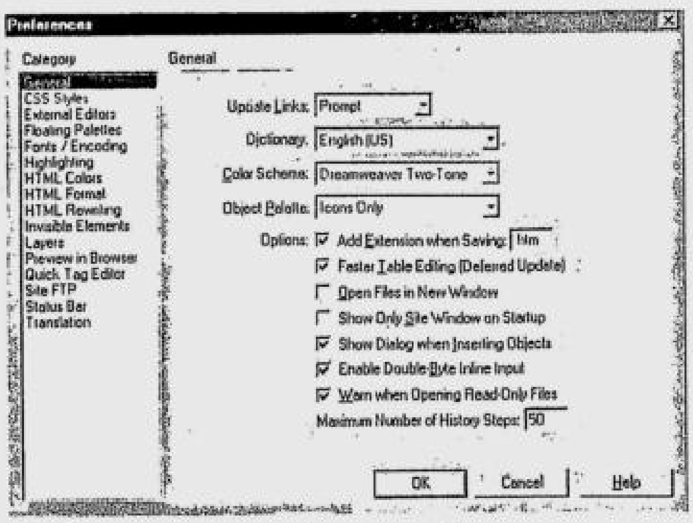
The new directive would also underscore the need to provide an "effective and measurable time frame to effect and implement interconnection between and among PTEs to facilitate the negotiations of interconnection agreements...and the need to ensure that interconnection will not result in unfair and unreasonable pricing arrangements to the detriment of the consumers."

A draft of the new executive order was presented to Ms Macapagal during a Cabinet meeting Thursday.

Meanwhile, PICS president Tolentino pointed out that the new executive order for interconnection should at least include penalties for non-compliance, like what US laws stipulate.

"One example could be that no new telco could offer long distance if they do not interconnect. Revenues from long distance calls services are the money earner of any telco," she suggested.

National Telecommunications Commission chief Eliseo Rio was unavailable for comment.



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How to work on the same window in Dreamweaver

By Jerry Liao

POWERTIPS

EVERY time you open a document in Dreamweaver, a new window opens. The more files you work on, the more document windows take up your screen's workspace. Here's a trickyou can use to change this setting:

1) Open Dreamweaver.

2) Go to "Edit" then "Preferences."

3) Under "Category," select "General."

4) Deselect the "Open Files" option in "New Window" option.

5) Click "OK."

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Altec Lansing ADA890 surround-sound speakers

By Jerry Liao

THE BOTTOM LINE

THIS week, let's look at Altec Lansing's ADA890 multi-channel surround sound speakers.

Strengths

1) One 60-watt, 8-inch subwoofer and four stackable, 15-watt, 3-inch satellite speakers (two at the front/center with 1-inch tweeters, two surround-sound at the back/sides).

2) Diagnostic mode placed in subwoofer makes the system easy to test.

3) Powerful sound from top to bottom, left to right. Slightly deficient mids, but sound quality is still stunning.

4) Has five play modes (Dolby Digital, Prologic, Quad, Stereo and Stereox2).

5) THX-approved.

6) Has remote control.

Weaknesses

1) Does not have a center channel, so it's not a full-blown Dolby Digital 5.1 setup. Instead, center channel is routed to the front speakers.

2) Speakers can be stacked one on top of the other, but why would you if you want to get surround-sound?

3) It will take a while for you to master the controls.

The Bottom Line

Altec Lansing lists the ADA890 in both its Gaming range of speakers and in the Home Theater line. Rightfully so since you can use these speakers as 1) massive audio enhancements to your PC or for Dolby Digital 5.1 gaming consoles like the Xbox and Prologic consoles like the GameCube, and 2) surround-sound speakers for your home theater set-up. These speakers are less expensive than your traditional surround-sound systems for home theaters, and for that purpose they do well, aside from being a top-notch PC speaker.

Taiwanese firm launches desktop/laptop computer

By Joel D. Pinaroc

ELITEGROUP Computer Systems, a Taiwan-based technology firm, has announced the availability of a desktop/laptop computer "hybrid" in the Philippines.

According to company executives, the computer product line, called the ECS DeskNote, is basically a desktop computer in a mobile PC form with the basic features of a standard desktop.

Being a desktop PC in laptop form, the product has the specifications of a high-end desktop, like a Pentium 4 2.8 GHz processor or an AMD Duron chip running at 1.6 GHz in addition to the standard microprocessor, memory, hard disk drive and CD ROM and DVD ROM drives.

What makes the product differ from a standard laptop is that it does not have a battery port, nor an internal battery. The product uses a standard power cable, or AC adaptor, to connect to power outlets or to an uninterruptible power system or UPS.

According to Elitegroup vice president James Gan, there are a number of reasons why the company decided to come up with a battery-less ECS DeskNote, which he claims is an altogether new category in PC form factor.

"We expect the ECS DeskNote to become another category, in addition to the desktop and mobile PC," Gan said.

Gan added that there are advantages in using a battery-less mobile computer.

One, he said, is that the DeskNote will be lighter than most mobile PCs. Second, the DeskNote will generate less heat. Three, the product will accommodate more add-on features, since it will have no battery slot. Four, the performance of the product will not be compromised, since extending the battery life in most mobile PCs takes its toll on the processor.

Gan is also counting on what he claims is the trend showing that most mobile computer users tend to connect to a power outlet to use their machines rather than use the internal battery.

"In most cases, the battery charge of a mobile PC is not enough. A user will always look for a power outlet," Gan said.

He added, however, that should a user need to carry a battery, an optional external battery for the ECS DeskNote that acts as a UPS is also available.

One downside of having to look for an outlet every time the unit will be used is the voltage differences in various countries.

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MAD DASH

It's a mad, mad race!

By Leo Magno

LAST week we reviewed Project Gotham Racing, a straightforward car racing game. This week we take a look at Mad Dash Racing, another racing game with a twist.

Mad Dash, developed by Crystal Dynamics and published by Eidos, was one of the Xbox launch titles last year. However, it was quietly placed on the shelves with little fanfare or advertising. Moreover, only a few gaming magazines reviewed this game. I wonder why, because the multiplayer mode of Mad Dash kicks ass.

And kick it, the game will. Not to mention hauling your own. In Mad Dash, you have to haul ass in a ruthless, wacky, multiplayer combat race while Fatboy Slim, Moby, The Crystal Method, Juno Reactor and Propeller Heads play in the background. Eidos licensed 16 songs from these artists and placed them in the game, which the players can go through and choose for each race (unfortunately you can't pop in your own audio CD to play your favorite song). The result is a fast and furious combat race between cartoon characters while frenzied music plays in the background in Dolby Digital 5.1 (personally, I like playing "Stompbox" while racing). Match that with surround sound and you've got a killer multiplayer game which makes your head pound because of the music while holding the controller with your butt at the edge of the seat, trying to outrun three competitors. Perfect for parties or family gatherings.

This game is a frenetic and eclectic race set on cartoon obstacle courses which have lots of traps, tricks and enemies (aside from your competitors' own devious tricks). The courses are huge—it takes you three to six minutes to finish each race, depending on how bad you suck. Each course is huge, winding and crazy. Think of Mad Dash as a kart game on foot, with the speed and the terrain size multiplied 10 times. And since this game was developed for the Xbox, it took advantage of the console's hardware, resulting in above-par graphics.

The game will see you running, sliding along rails, jumping over obstacles, swimming, climbing net ladders, bouncing off drums, jumping across pillars, sliding down gigantic tubes and all sorts of crazy obstacles Mario and Luigi never even dreamed of. Unlike our favorite plumbers, however, Mad Dash racers can't afford to slow down or back up and time their jumps. In this game, one mistake and you'll finish last.

While dashing, swimming, bouncing and gliding across the course, you get to pick up power-ups which you can use to do a booster jump or a fast-dash move. There are also weapons which you can use to thwart your competitors—even insane ones like heat-seeking chicken missiles. If all of a sudden you stumble or get stuck for a few seconds, chances are someone behind you gave you a sucker punch. But don't worry. Get the next weapon, catch up with the guy and hit the loser with it round the next bend.

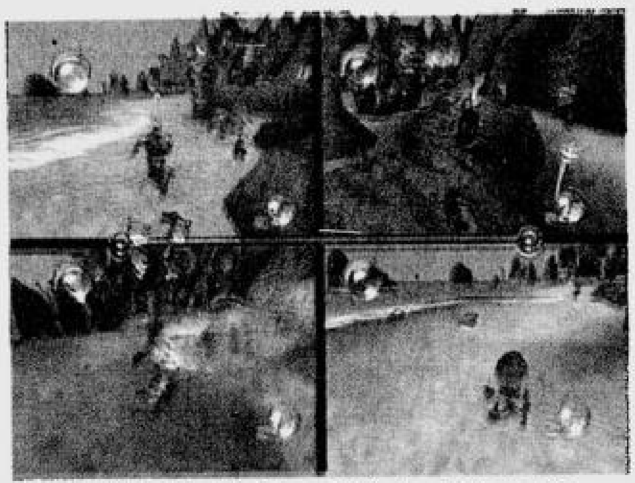
So Mad Dash has fantastic audio and video, and engaging gameplay because it's fast and appealing visually and aurally. Fortunately, the game's cartoon world is not overtly cell-shaded like all of the hordes of cartoon games out there. But don't expect to get hooked on this game if you play alone. The solo adventure is fine, but not as exciting as playing with three of your friends because you get to zap, outrun and outsmart each other in a blistering split-screen race full of mayhem.

The characters in Mad Dash have character. These include Chops, a rude and flatulent wild boar; Clawdius, a lion with a lisp; Spanx, a cross-eyed, whimpering rodent; Sid, a cat-like dude with an attitude; and Zero-G, a dog who's got a loud-mouth and suffers from post-war trauma. All of them have voices and sound bytes to back up their attitudes.

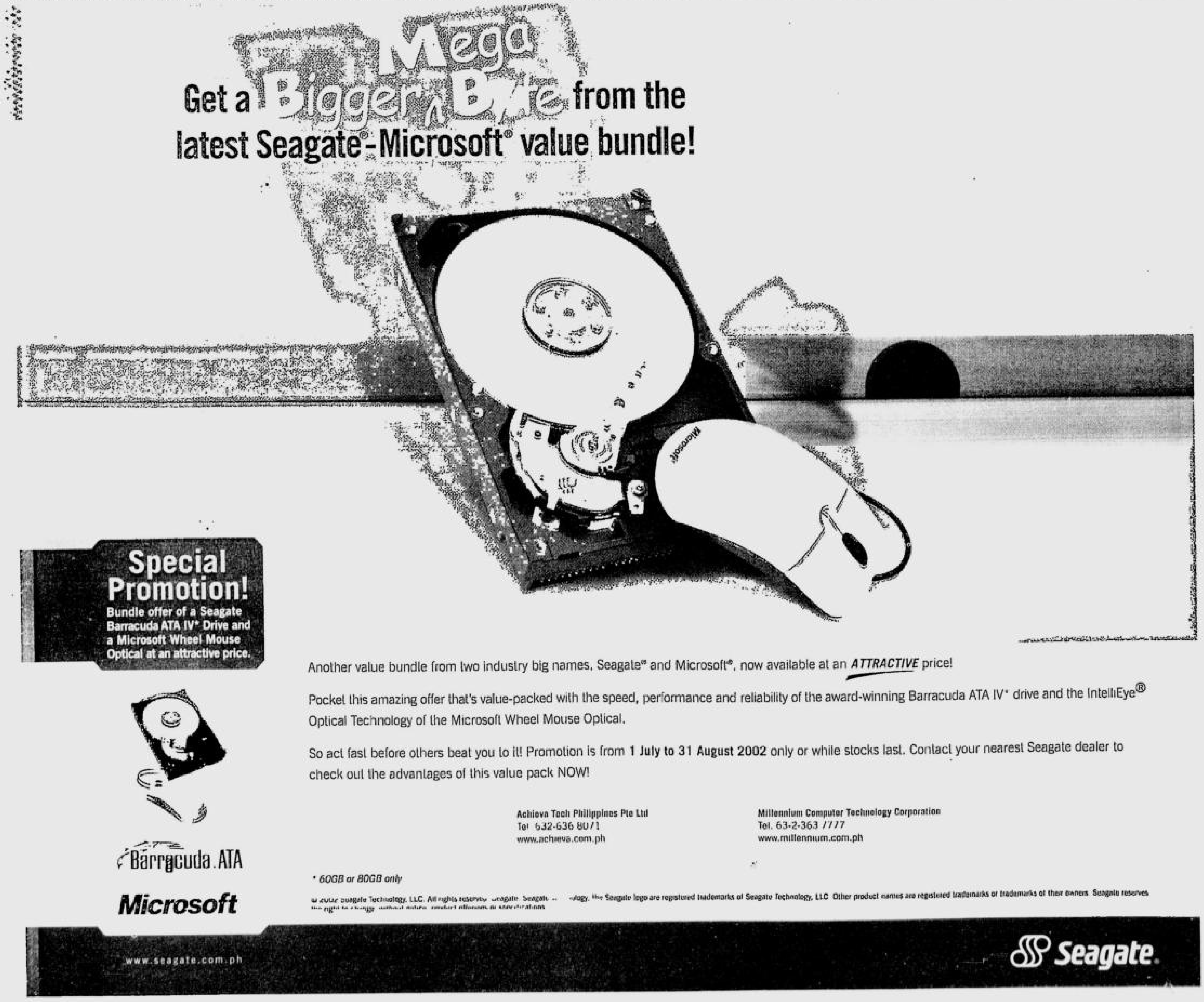
There's a story behind this motley crew of characters. They were assembled on an island at the request of Hex, an evil wizard who hopes to use the racers to collect pieces of a red meteor that will give him power. Don't be fooled by its cartoony and goofy appearance. Mad Dash is not a simple, light-hearted game. It's a fast, furious and sometimes serious race despite its comic, animated characters. It's not a deep game, though—it's a fun obstacle course race which a lot of gamers will enjoy because of the multiplayer mode. The single-player mode gets boring, but the multiplayer is a fun party favorite at home. And when you're done racing, you can go into stunt or time challenges.

One negative point worth raising, though, is that at times Mad Dash's frame rate slows down to about 30 frames per second. This is when all four racers are in all four split-screens, understandably so since each screen generates all racers' individual moves all at the same time. But don't worry. Most of the time you'll be alone in your screen anyway, since chances are you'd be taking different shortcuts or would leave each other behind. Due to the fast pace of the game, casual gamers won't notice the frame rate dip. But since the essence of the game is speed, such a dip seen by the trained eye brings down the game a bit. The frame rate drop does not affect the speed of the game—frequent gamers would just see how craggy some edges become.

All in all, Mad Dash Racing, while built for the Xbox, has all the elements of a Nintendo game. It's fun. It's fast. It's nice to look at and nice to hear. It's nice to play with friends and relatives. If only all Xbox games had these attributes, it wouldn't be an Xbox anymore. It would be a GameCube.



THE APPEAL of Mad Dash lies on its fast and furious split-screen multiplayer mode that will see combatants jostling and zapping each other till they cross the finish line.



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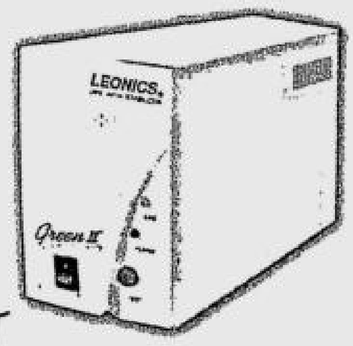

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A Manifesto

The Silent Pilipino is silent no longer.
The Silent Pilipino now wishes to be heard, his sentiments heeded.
The Silent Pilipino has spoken.

Enough is Enough!

The majority of the people does not want the republic destabilized; much less destabilized from within... the way termites eat up a house to undermine its foundation.

Enough is Enough!

The majority of the people does not believe in changing governments like changing clothes - now you wear it, now you take it off.

Enough is Enough!

In contrast to the tumultuous impeachment during the previous administration, today there is no equivalent condition in government that may be considered a clear and present danger to the life of the nation.

Enough is Enough!

If there is a danger, it lurks in a noisy minority intent in destabilizing the present administration through vicious innuendoes and media propaganda.
The negative picture painted by the group threatens to erode investor confidence.
In this light, the leaders of the group may be branded as
ECONOMIC TERRORISTS.

Enough is Enough!

Over time, the people have learned to separate media chaff from media grain; what is hype and what is real. And the people have seen: what appears to be an angry mob up close on the tv screen is - as the camera pulls back - actually no more than a handful of professional agitators acting and posturing.
And therefore the people have seen: the Macapagal-Arroyo administration has done well compared to the previous administration in spite of the economic meltdown after the September 11 terrorist attack and all the unkind and unfair brickbats and destabilizing moves of partisan interests.

Enough is Enough!

Those who would engage in vicious politics at the expense of the people are forewarned: **stop, quit, now. The majority of the people wish to get on with the more important business of life and living.**

No longer silent, the now vocal majority is the New Filipino.
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What would you do if you were Manny Pangilinan?

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao, Doris Dumlao and Elena Torrijos

EXECUTIVES SPEAK

RARE is the attitude displayed by PLDT chair and CEO Manuel V. Pangilinan in the ongoing ownership struggle of the country's largest telecommunications firm.

In effect, Pangilinan is fighting his own bosses and his own firm's direction.

PLDT is 24-percent owned by the First Pacific Co. Ltd. of Hong Kong which Pangilinan himself chairs. First Pacific is largely owned by the Salim group of Indonesia and they have decided to sell their stake in PLDT to John Gokongwei, a move which MVP, as he is known in the business community, is opposing.

Pangilinan is viewed as the man who propelled FP to where it is now—a diversified conglomerate with holdings in several Asian countries.

The Salims however, now want to sell their stake because they feel FP has invested more than it should have in the Philippines and want to cut their losses. But Pangilinan wants to hold on and make a turnaround first before selling out.

The issue has lent some excitement to the business sector and Business Monday asks executives, what they would do if they were in Pangilinan's shoes.

Cesar V. Purissima,
chair, SGV & Co.

Raise $600 million and match the bid.

Roberto F. de Ocampo,
AIM president and former finance secretary

"I will do what he's doing and make the deal as transparent as possible and I think lateley he has succeeded (First Pacific was forced to disclose MOA, right).

Mike Hamlin,
TeamAsia head

To the Salims, it's a business deal. Manny is in a difficult position. It's not good for him to dig in his heels; it's not good for PLDT and not good for the country.

Joey A.Concepcion,
president RFM Corp.

I believe what he must do is what is right for all PLDT shareholders not just the shareholders that voted him in as CEO. As CEO, if the deal entered into by a major shareholder will be beneficial to PLDT in the long term in terms of financial stability, transparency and good corporate governance then he should support it. If not then he should do otherwise, he together with the PLDT directors must make this judgment.

Ricco Ocampo,
entrepreneur, (Mix, Anonymous, i2I)

Set aside ego and do what's good for the company. After all, that is what he is paid for.

Greg D. Garcia,
former president and chief creative officer of Leo Burnett (ad agency)

Continue to do what is best for PLDT. Gokongwei is good in commodity selling, NOT brand building.

Willy Ocier, vice chair,
Belle Resources Corp.

If I were MVP, I will run for president of the Philippines and set it on track to prosperity and self-respect.

Joey Roxas, president,
Eagle Equities

Do the stockholders a favor and resign.

Jack Madrid,
executive director of iayala.

I would negotiate for a hefty retirement bonus and change career as talk show host.

Century-old bank hosts reunion of business leaders

BSP Governor Rafael B. Buenaventura receiving the first copy of "Citibank: The Philippine Century" from the Citibank country board (from left) Citigroup Private Bank country manager Richard J. Smith, country corporate officer Catherine M. Weir, Citibank consumer bank country business manager Nina D. Aguas, and Salomon Smith Barney chief executive Hans B. Sicat.

IT MAY have looked like a gathering of the country's top business leaders but it was actually a reunion of former Citibankers.

The reunion was held last week at the Rigodon Ballroom of The Peninsula Manila to celebrate Citibank's 100th anniversary in the country.

Dubbed as the "UniverCity of Banking," former Citibank executives, including Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael B. Buenaventura, gathered last week to celebrate the 100 years of the bank's presence in the country.

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Mario Antonio G. Lopez

"IF THE countryside goes, so does the rest of the Philippines," concluded Vicente (Ting) Lim and Vic Rodriguez, both of the MAP Agribusiness and Countryside Development (ABCD) Committee and the MAP ABCD Foundation.

This conclusion should be obvious for an agrarian economy like the Philippines but it seems that those who can and should do something about it do not pay enough attention to it.

Since both bodies were created in 1996, they have focused mostly on the "AB" (agribusiness) part of the acronym. Maybe this was to be expected. Most of us MAP members are business managers in manufacturing and services sectors, with a dash of bureaucratic types from large government agencies and civil society organizations.

Development

Most of us are many times removed from ground level agriculture and agribusiness, and fairly distanced from countryside development. To be accurate, there are those among us who care about the countryside and work at it; and there are members from large business, government and civil society organizations who pay attention to countryside development.

Most MAP members, and in fact, most social and economic "lead sector" citizens, such as we Filipinos, seem to subscribe to traditional economic theory when it comes to national development. The most popular version of this theory is the "trickle down" model.

The model, based on many economic axioms that have long been turned on their heads, states that the well off among us have fulfilled most if not all of their needs. Therefore, every incremental peso (or whatever currency they get their incomes in) to them will have less and less consumption value, and they will therefore be predisposed to saving these increments.

These savings are put in banks. Savings = Investment, therefore, money saved in the banks will go into investments that will generate employment and spread wealth.

The "trickle down" approach has two variants. One approach calls for "balanced growth with trickle down effects," meaning the economic planners and managers must pay attention to all sectors of society and ensure that no sector is left behind.

The other calls for "unbalanced growth." Money ought to go to the sector where growth, and therefore social spread, will be fastest. Normally these will be the manufacturing and service sectors, especially the cutting edge of these sectors where knowledge is the main capital.

That some sectors will be palpably disadvantaged is only temporary. These sectors should exercise some patience because the benefits will come, in time.

The problem is that most of the world does not follow the rules of "good, solid economics" to the letter, with understandable reasons. We operate under different world models. At least two of them, the Christian and Muslim faiths, call for real and special attention to the poor and the dispossessed.

Most people cite Adam Smith incompletely. Smith spoke of self-interest within the context of living in a society. He also distinguished between human needs, normally few and basic, and human "wants"—greed, which he stressed, must be curbed for the common good. Many do not go beyond "self interest" and look at the qualifiers.

Second, many of us divorce our economic theory from social and political realities. The Philippines is arguably closer to a feudal capitalist state than it is to a democratic capitalist state.

Third, our "lead" sector (meaning us!) seems more concerned about being left behind by the post-industrial nations than we are of making sure the majority of Filipinos don't get left behind. The problem is, if our people in the "lag" sector feel they are being left behind by us (who don't seem to care very much for them) they're most likely strike back the only way powerless, neglected people do worldwide.

Terror

They rain terror on us by ignoring the rules, regulations and conventions we impose to put order in our lives.

The fourth is that too many of us equate economic growth with economic, social and political development. They don't, by a long, long shot! The relations among the three have to be clearly worked out and worked at assiduously, doggedly. If there are no quick fixes in organizations as large as GM or GE, what makes us think there are for nations?

Unless we do, and address the disparities effectively, the countryside goes . . . and with it, the rest of the country. What do we do?

Let us reorder our real life priorities for the moment. We have more than several misplaced ones given the urgent needs of the times.

The money that goes to speculative investments and luxurious consumption—malls, condominiums, golf courses, luxury cars, high-end housing—should first be directed to the setting up of enterprises in the countryside that will use our excess labor where they are. This will achieve several related ends such as minimizing the migration to the urban centers.

Let us restate our national goals precisely in terms of making life meaningful and productive for each Filipino, especially the poorest.

Many of our national goals are translated into organizational objectives that identify outputs often divorced from the total system it is part of (as in agribusiness), and to some extent, the first level outcomes of producing these outputs.

We work for increasing farm productivity but fail to address access to markets. We often build infrastructure for display and not for utility to those who need them most to improve their lives.

Let us redefine our goals and look far beyond the purely economic/numerical indices like GNP, GDP and look closer at human development indicators, used by the leading development agencies and more enlightened societies.

We must look at human development indices that tell us about the quality of life—morbidity rates and the types of ailments the nation suffers from, literacy and numeracy rates, access to potable water, and rankings in international benchmark exams like the TIMSS where we scored dismal third from the bottom in Math and second from the bottom in Physics in the early '90s, and not just our economy. Everyone ignores the fact that the air quality in most of our cities is very poor. People refuse to relate this in their minds to the sudden increases in respiratory tract ailments, and even to the reported deterioration in average IQ of our children.

Prof. Romy Neri makes an excellent point about how we should be less obsessed with the exchange rate. My take on his analysis is that the fever is a symptom of something wrong at a deeper level. Reducing a fever does not mean the ailment is cured.

Promote

Let's get to know our country and our people—not just Metro Manila, Baguio, Tagaytay, Metro Cebu, Boracay, Metro Davao, Camiguin and Dakak—if we are to promote them to others.

I am sure many have read Ernie Aboitiz's piece on several things that should make happy about our country. Slowly, quietly, many parts of the country have been experiencing growth and development without the would-have-been-helpful attention of our sensationalizing mass media.

It is no longer a travail to drive off to Aparri on the northeast side of Luzon then cross over to Pagudpud on the northwest then drive down via Ilocos back to Manila. The roads are very good, the service stations plentiful and the hotels small but clean and adequate for the purposes of resting tired bodies.

The local people are typically friendly and helpful. The food is tasty and filling. And it is always a joy to discover the beauty of our countryside even after it has been abused. Let us devote substantial time to the countryside.

Bad handling

The Marcos administration had a very good idea in the YCAP—the Youth Community Action Program. It had been designed to bring our young and our government functionaries to the far-flung rural areas live there for a month, get to know the people, and share their knowledge with them. But it was badly handled.

Revived and administered as it had been designed, and this time to enlist the active participation of the business sector, it has promise as a good way of sharing our technical and managerial expertise with those who need them most. And they need little of it to help them on their own road to development.

Many will say, "But we contribute to different foundations and NGOs!"

It is not our money our fellow Filipinos need. It helps. But if they are to know that we care, they must see and hear us and feel our caring presence, even if only for a short while. If we are to give deeper meaning to our citizenship, don't pull out your wallet. Pull out you diary and block off sometime for them. It will be well worth the effort. *(This article reflects the personal views of the author who is a member of the Management Association of the Philippines and former assistant dean for the Center for Development Management of the Asian Institute of Management. The MAP secretariat and the author may be reached at mapsec@globenet.com.ph.)*

Century-old bank hosts reunion of business leaders

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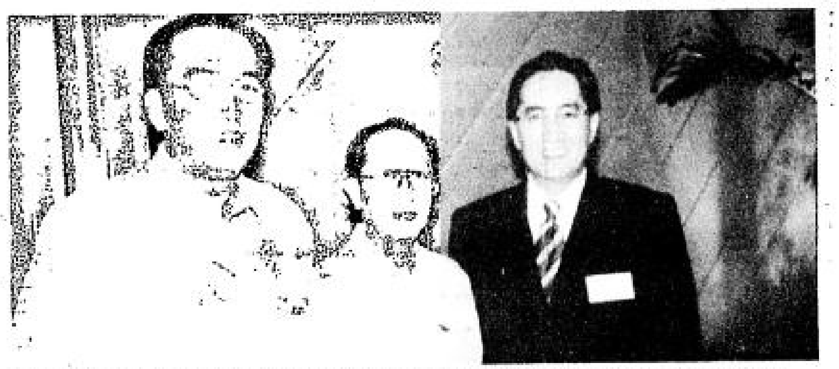
One of the highlights of the event was the launch of Citibank's book "Citibank: The Philippine Century."

The Citibank country board is composed of country corporate officer Catherine M. Weir, consumer bank country business manager Nina D. Aguas, Citigroup private bank country manager Richard J. Smith and Salomon Smith Barney chief executive Hans B. Sicat.

Citibank's predecessor, the International Banking Corp., opened its doors in the Philippines on July 14, 1902, from a stable in Calle Rosario, Binondo.

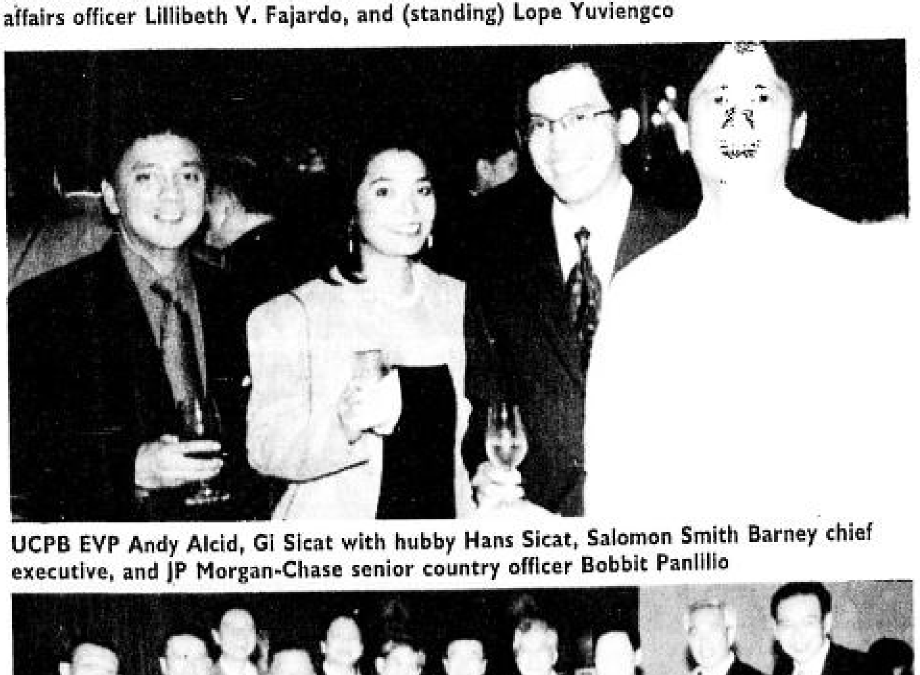
Citibank has since grown to become the largest foreign bank in the country in terms of customers, assets, revenues and number of domestic branches.

CITIBANK country corporate officer Catherine M. Weir with BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura



FORMER Citibank union president Nido Perez and current union president Boy Recio with Globe president and chief executive officer Gerry Ablaza

(SEATED) Mariano Martin, PhilTrust president Antonio H. Ozaeta, Ubix president Edilberto Bravo, UCPB chair Eddie Go, Chinatrust vice chair Bill Go, Citibank public affairs officer Lillibeth V. Fajardo, and (standing) Lope Yuviengco



UCPB EVP Andy Alcid, Gi Sicat with hubby Hans Sicat, Salomon Smith Barney chief executive, and JP Morgan-Chase senior country officer Bobbit Panlilio

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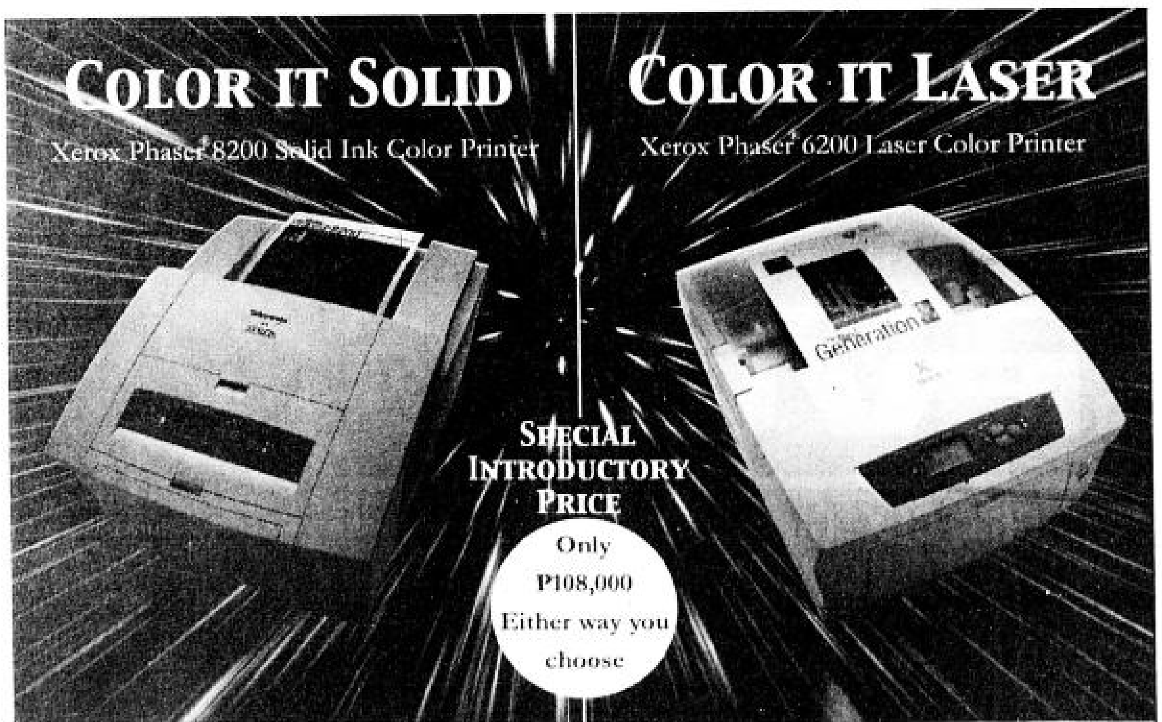

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The award, given during Amrop Hever's annual conference held recently in Toronto, also cited the Philippine office as one of the top firms within the Group in terms of productivity, based on an industry study made by The Economist which covered all the major search firms around the world.

On hand to receive the awards was Jun Gil, founder and managing director of Amrop Hever Philippines.

In the same conference, Amrop Hever chair Ulrich Dade congratulated Amrop's partners for having maintained the firm's position among the top 10 retained executive search companies in the world despite the worldwide recession. He released the latest world rankings of the top 10 firms based on the ERN Rankings published in the United States as follows: Korn Ferry, Heidrick & Struggles, Egon Zehnder, Spencer Stuart, Russel Reynolds, Ray and Berndtson, Amrop Hever, TMP, Whitehead Mann, and Intersearch.

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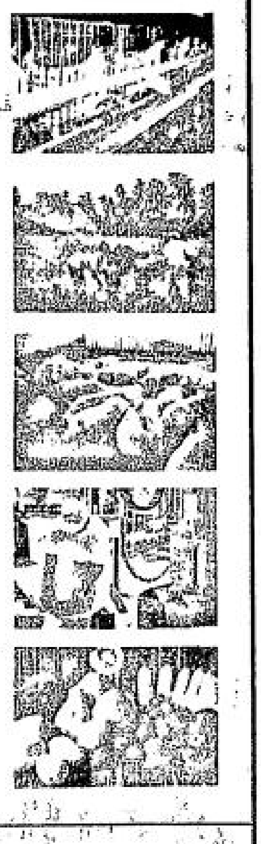

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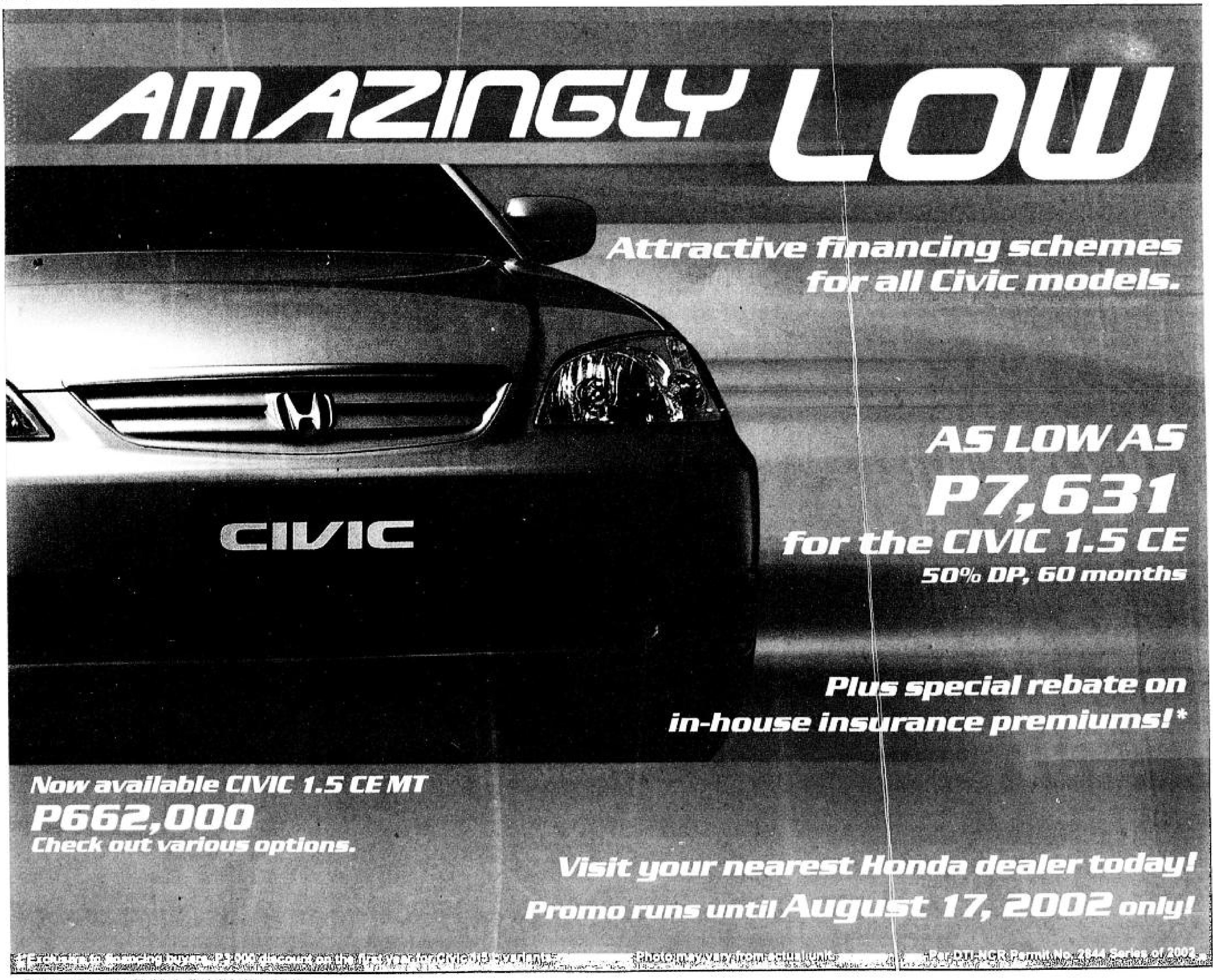
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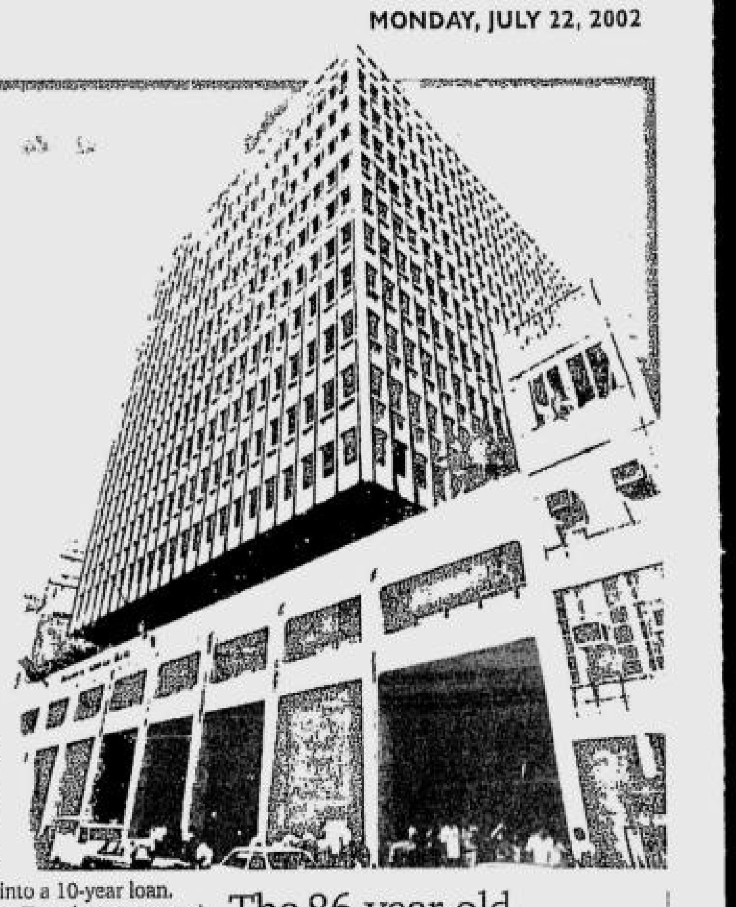

On the wings of change

A POSITIVE OUTLOOK and a heap of corporate changes marked the first quarter of the year for the Philippine National Bank as the bank commemorates its 86th anniversary today.

Fresh faces, fresh strategy and a fresh beginning describe the bank's movement toward the five-year rehabilitation plan promised by the Macapagal-Arroyo government.

Francisco Dizon, 52, was named the new chair in March. While Lorenzo Tan, 40, was elected the new president and chief executive officer, replacing Feliciano Miranda in April.

The two seasoned bankers have announced concrete steps for the bank's rehabilitation and this include the "good bank" and "bad bank" strategy that puts a line between the PNB's non-performing assets and loans, and the income-generating components of the bank such as deposits and remittances.

Bankers and corporate experts from the private sector were also invited to fill in key positions in the bank for the placement of structure and processes for the bank's projected turnaround.

The signing of the memorandum of agreement between the government and Lucio Tan's group in May signals the start of the financial rehabilitation of PNB. The MOA binds PNB to pay back the government the balance of P23.9 billion out of the original P25-billion emergency loan obtained in October 2000. Of the amount, P7.8 billion will be converted into equity at P40 per PNB share.

This enabled government to increase its stake in the bank from 16 percent to 44.8 percent, which is what the media described as the government's "reverse privatization" move to regain PNB.

The MOA also details the government's use of P10 billion of the PNB debts to settle its own debts. While the remaining P6.1 billion of the debts will be restructured into a 10-year loan.

During the MOA signing, Tan also announced that the bank expects to cut its net loss from P4.5 billion to P2.7 billion and its bad loans ratio from 53 percent to 39 percent after the bank's rehabilitation.

Tan reported to the bank's stockholders meeting in May that PNB's net loss for 2001 amounted to P4.14 billion, which he described as a "a significant improvement" compared to the net loss of P5.97 billion in 2000.

He said PNB's continuing loss was due to the bank's non-performing loans, which accounted for P49.2 billion, Ropoa of P22.3 billion, and other assets with a book value of P18.8 billion.

The bank's low-cost deposits increased by P5.37 billion, while high-cost funds declined by P1.25 billion. By year-end 2001, the company's capital stood at P17.42 billion.

Currently, PNB is launching a deposit generation campaign in line with Tan's plan to revitalize PNB into one of the "dominant banks" when it comes to remittances. PNB has 324 domestic branches and 77 offices and remittance units abroad.

"We shall use this excellent and very extensive distribution infrastructure to increase low-cost deposits from P50 billion to P60 billion in two years," he says.

PNB's simple anniversary celebration will be held at the bank's headquarters in Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard in Pasay City.

> The 86-year-old PNB marks a milestone today as it celebrates its anniversary under the auspices of a new management team of seasoned bankers with a fresh and vigorous outlook for the bank's future

Messages

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

My warmest greetings to the Philippine National Bank (PNB) on its 86th **Anniversary.**

I congratulate PNB for its meritorious achievements and contributions to national development. Your many decades of successful banking in the service of our people has made PNB a potent instrument in engineering our economic recovery and growth.

Aside from playing a pivotal role in promoting greater investments, the banking sector facilitates savings mobilization, and creates a more dynamic business environment. Our Administration is thus committed to ensuring a strong banking sector that will assist our businesses to rise above economic difficulties and create more opportunities for our people. On this occasion, I enjoin the Philippine National Bank to persevere in its commitment to provide better banking services and magnify its contributions to our country's economic development. I am confident that the men and women of PNB will be equal to this vital task.

Congratulations on your anniversary. MABUHAY!

GMArroyo
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

It is with great pleasure that I greet the men and women of the Philippine National Bank a happy 86th anniversary.

Since its birth in 1919, the "Big Bank for the Small Man" has emerged today as one of the prime movers of the Philippine economy. Having a list of accomplishments to boast of during the past eight and a half decades, PNB has actively participated in the growth of the Filipino entrepreneurs and industrialists through its wide-range of credit-loan facilities.

PNB is the first Filipino bank to establish a foothold in the world's financial capitals and in areas where they are OFWs. With the Memorandum of Agreement recently signed among its key shareholders, PNB can now focus its thrust on its rehabilitation program to catapult the Bank back to its pre-eminent position in the industry.

As PNB continues to reassert its leadership in the delivery of financial services, I am confident that you will develop a more agile marketing organization that is truly responsive to customer needs and expectations.

We in the Arroyo government look forward to strengthening our partnership with PNB and together pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for the Filipino people.

Congratulations and more power!

JOSE ISIDRO N. CAMACHO
Secretary of Finance

Greetings to the Philippine National Bank on its 86th anniversary. With its rehabilitation program underway and a new management team in place, PNB should be on track for a rebound and sustained growth for the long-term.

PNB's strength has always been its millions of loyal customers who have stood by it, satisfied with the brand of service they have been getting, whether here or overseas. For instance, more than a third of OFW remittance pass through PNB. To PNB's credit, it has maintained a strong service orientation. A case in point is the PNB-UP collection agreement , a banking convenience for thousands of students who take the University of Philippine College Admission Test.

It seems that customers, big or small, feel welcome at PNB. Thus today, PNB has one of the most extensive domestic branch networks in the country and the largest overseas network of offices among local banks.

This is a blessing, and a challenge, that should strengthen the resolve of the officers and staff of PNB to constantly strive to do their best at all times.

RAFAEL B. BUENAVENTURA
Governor-Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

The son also rises

LIKE father, like son. This seems to be the case when banker Francisco Dizon was named chair of the Philippine National Bank in March. Dizon's father, Bienvenido Dizon, was also PNB's chair in 1962, under the term of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's father Diosdado Macapagal.

Dizon describes his father as "a very honest man. To him, honesty was the most important virtue that a banker can have."

Though his main role is to be a stabilizer in a board which is equally divided between government interests and entrepreneurial aspirations, Dizon—a former president and CEO of Asian Bank (1992-1994) and Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (1997-2000)—says he will contribute his two cents worth in PNB's gameplan.

"I felt that I couldn't let what my father helped to build for more than 30 years of his life just go to waste," he says. "As chair of PNB, I would be in a better position to steer back the bank to its old glory."

The young bank president on the spot

Lorenzo Tan, 40, was president and chief operating officer of the United Coconut Planters Bank before his appointment as president and chief executive officer. He was responsible for putting up an asset management division for UCPB, the first among local banks. He was much loved at UCPB. He set up a café at the bank's grounds along Makati Avenue and within a year, earnings from the establishment ran up to almost a million pesos, enough to set up a gym for the bank's employees.

In the United States, where he lived for some time, Tan, a former Citibank executive, was involved in drafting a program to help distressed companies. "I see a tremendous opportunity. Great franchises can be turned around but you must have a long-term strategy that will give you competitive advantage," he says of PNB.

An enduring partnership with the Filipino People

THE PHILIPPINE National Bank was established as a government-owned banking institution on July 22, 1916 with headquarters in the old Masonic Temple along Escolta, Manila.

Its primary mandate was to provide financial services to Philippine industry and agriculture and support the government's economic development effort.

On July 24, 1916, PNB established its first branch in Iloilo.

In 1917, PNB opened its New York Branch. In 1918, it established five more domestic branches and another overseas branch in Shanghai, China.

After the Second World War, PNB acquired the assets and assumed the liabilities of the banking division of the National Treasury.

With the establishment of the Central Bank in 1949, PNB's role as issuer of currency notes, custodianship of bank reserves, sole depository of government funds and clearing house of the banking system ceased.

In 1955, it was authorized to operate as an investment bank with powers to own shares and to issue debentures.

In 1963, it established the National Investment and Development Corporation to engage primarily in long-term and equity financing of business ventures.

PNB transferred to its new Head Office along Escolta in 1966 and launched the first on-line Electronic Data Processing System.

Between 1967 and 1979, PNB expanded by opening offices in London, Singapore, Djakarta, Honolulu and Amsterdam. In the domestic field, it opened 14 provincial branches. It was also during this period that the Bank started the Dollar Remittance Program.

In 1980, PNB became the first universal bank in the country.

The privatization of PNB started when 30 percent of its outstanding stocks were offered to the public and its stocks were listed in the stock exchange in 1989.

In 1992, a second public offering of its [illegible] privatization.

In 1995, PNB moved to its new headquarters at the PNB Financial Center in Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

In 1996, the Securities and Exchange Commission approved the Bank's new Articles of Incorporation and by-laws and the change in the status of PNB from a government-based to a private corporation with the control of the government reduced to 46 percent.

The 1997 Asian crisis had a debilitating effect on the now privatized PNB. It took nearly five years and a succession of two presidents to put the bank's rehabilitation program on track.

Toward the end of 2000, PNB was poised to stage a comeback. The L.T. Group, initiated an eight-point program to rein in mounting overhead costs and sagging revenues. The group pumped in nearly P20 billion fresh capital in less than one year.

The government was all set to dispose its remaining stake in PNB, but another crisis shook the country before the year ended, and it triggered another wave of uncertainty in the financial viability of PNB. The government responded by providing PNB liquidity assistance of P25 billion.

The newly installed Macapagal-Arroyo administration decided to shelve the previous plan to sell the government's remaining stake in the bank, and made a dramatic proclamation that it was retaking control to rehabilitate PNB.

In the meantime a new management team was put in place. Director Francisco A. Dizon was elected chair on March 22, 2002. He replaced Nazareno who continues to sit in the Bank's board as director.

On April 10, 2002, the Board elected Lorenzo V. Tan as president and chief executive officer. He replaced former President Feliciano L. Miranda Jr. who continues to serve as director.

Finally, the government and the L.T. Group sealed the Memorandum of Agreement on May 3, 2002.

To awaken a 'sleeping giant' is his main job

"I WAS telling people that my job is to really be out of a job in the next 25 years," declares Federico Cadiz Jr., PNB's new EVP for asset management and sale, in half jest. "Because if I were to manage the bank's assets the same way (the traditional way) then I won't succeed. By that I mean the portfolio of the organization should be in place such that the properties are self liquidating, income generating, and are perceived to have value."

The 42-year-old expert on real property management is referring to the big change that will happen to the asset management group of PNB. He is also referring to his "mountain" of responsibilities over at PNB, which is to oversee the management and sale of the bank's foreclosed assets totaling P25 billion—just about 19,000 properties of different types and categories scattered all over the country.

How to go about turning these sleeping assets into money is a major part of the bank's rehabilitation plan in the next five years. Cadiz, who assumed office only last week, has clearly mapped out the strategy, which according to him is the "non-traditional way," toward managing PNB's property.

Cadiz has years of experience in real estate management from Citibank N.A. and the Hong Leong Group. His immediate plans include putting "infrastructure and processes" to convert the team into a sales and business organization.

According to Cadiz, the asset management group will become an organization that can handle and manage assets as a business and also build a portfolio for the properties to create long-term values for would-be investors and buyers.

The properties will then be marketed through property channels such as the brokers, branches, agents, client developers and investors.

Cadiz has worked before with PNB's new president Lorenzo Tan at Citibank and Hong Leung Group. He says that both he and Tan, aside from being "sports buffs," are determined to have positive results for the bank's rehabilitation.

As part of the new team of PNB managers, Cadiz says he is both intrigued and challenged by the prospect of "rebuilding" at PNB. "Somebody asked me why I am moving here, and I said: basically, what intrigued me was the challenge to really rebuild the asset management group. PNB is just like a sleeping giant."

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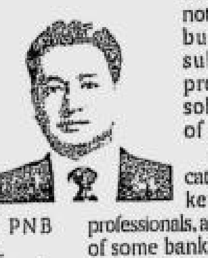
Transforming PNB's branches into financial 'supermarket' of services



ISMAEL SANDIG, PNB's newly appointed first senior vice president, was only on the fourth day of his retirement from Unionbank when he was invited to join the new executive management team.

The cheerful bank executive, who reports to work as early as 7:30, will contribute his expertise in branch banking, particularly the "reengineering" of PNB branches into sales teams.

Sandig has 27 years of experience in branch banking from Unionbank, PCIBank and Insular Bank of Asia and America.

His vision for a revitalized PNB involves the transformation of bank outlets into a "financial services supermarket" where a range of bank products will be offered to different types of customers.

"Branch banking will now be converted into distribution channels of multilevel products. Soon we will train our branches to sell not only bank products but also those of its subsidiaries. So all products will now be sold by PNB network of 324 branches."

Bank products that will cater to the middle market, including the professionals, as well as "unbundling" of some bank products to suit customer needs will be introduced in the market. A "sales culture" will also be encouraged in the branches. The change will also influence the bank outlet's design.

Sandig considers the PNB assignment as self-fulfilling. "When I joined PNB, I would like to be part of history when it turns around."

PNB goes 'Faster! Higher! Stronger!'

PNB will launch a deposit campaign "Faster! Higher! Stronger!", an internal drive aiming to bring in some P8 billion in low-cost ADB.

"Faster! Higher! Stronger!" takes the concept of a rewards program for all employees and retirees of PNB as well as employees of its subsidiaries. In this drive, every solicitation of fresh low-cost peso and dollar funds will entitle the employees to accumulate credits that can be redeemed for choice merchandise rewards. Credits can also be earned by complying with simple program requirements such as through answering an easy monthly training quiz. Credit bonuses will also be given to top performers both in individual and team categories.

A grand travel award awaits the top performers, team leaders of the top team, and then the top three league heads at the end of the program. The qualifiers will be sent to an all expense-paid trip to an Asian City holiday.

The program will be launched during the bank's 86th Anniversary celebration today. Regional launches have also been scheduled for the provincial branches.

The deposit drive among employees will be completed by a raffle promotion for the PNB's depositors to be launched also within the second quarter. Exciting showcases will be given away with vacation package tucked for all [illegible] and grand draw winners.

In Celebration of 86 Years of Continuing Service to the Nation,
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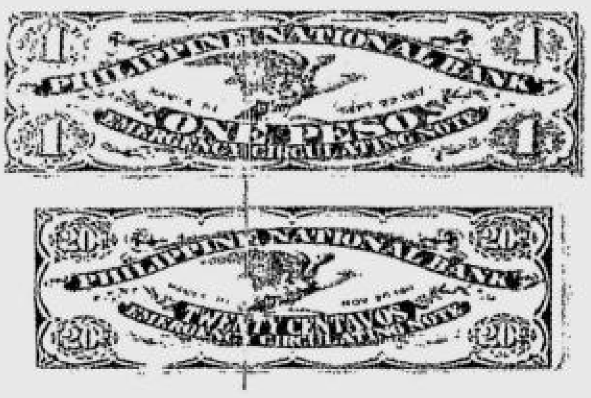
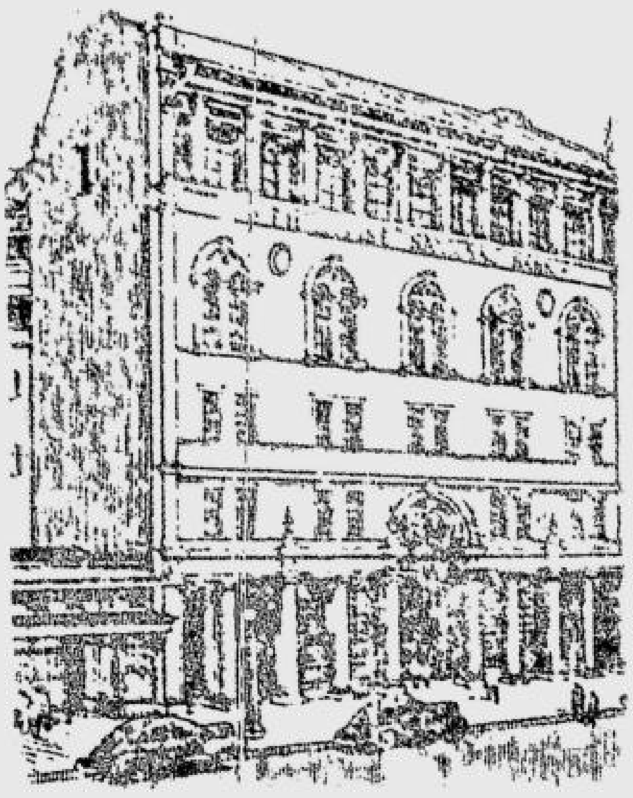


February 4, 1916 - The PNB Bill drafted by Dr. Henry Parker Willis, PNB was created to meet the needs of the small man throughout the archipelago. It became the sole bank authorized to issue legal tender.



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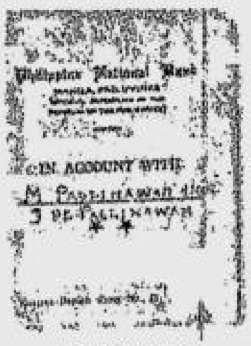
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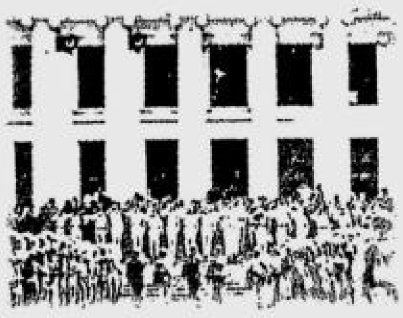
Early Passbook

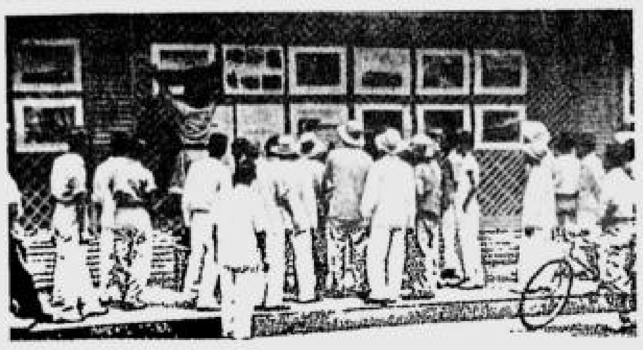
The Roaring 20's - Despite its financial struggles, PNB gracefully ended this decade of strength and perseverance in the face of postwar challenges and difficulties.

November 15, 1935 - Following the formal inauguration of the Philippine Commonwealth with Manuel L. Quezon and Sergio Osmeña Sr. as elected President and Vice-President respectively, two important Acts affecting PNB were passed by the National Assembly: Commonwealth Act Nos. 6 & 11.

Before the end of the 1930's - There were six domestic commercial banks and trust companies, two domestic and savings and mortgage banks, and six branches of foreign commercial banks. All had principal offices in Manila, with several of them with branches and agencies in the provinces.



1941-1945 - PNB continues operations during the war years. Banking time was changed to 9:30 to 12:00 noon with one bank clearing instead of two a day. This was found advisable because the frequent bombing raids on the city upset bank routine. Personal cash withdrawals limited to P20 a week.



Filipinos read Japanese bulletins on current news.

January 1942 - PNB briefly ceased operation but reopened the next month under supervision of the Japanese authorities.

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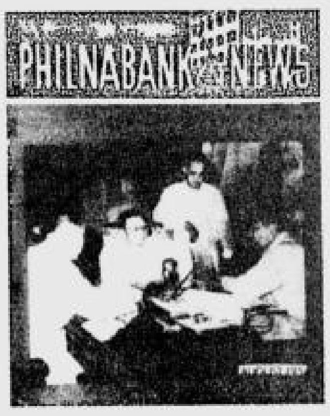

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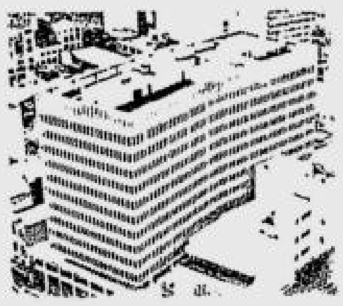
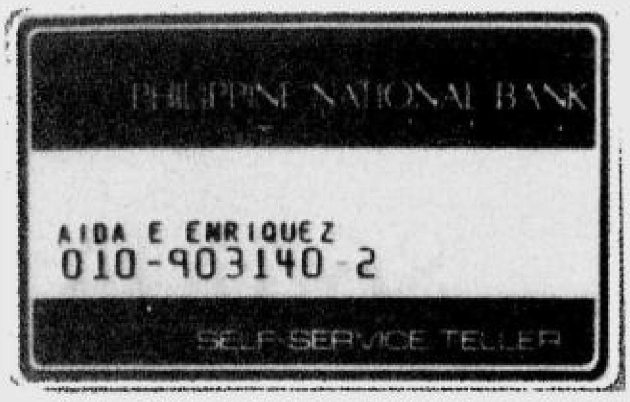


1966 - PNB transferred to its new head office along Escolta and launched the first on-line Electronic Data Processing System in the entire Far East.

On-line processing starts in the Head office and Metro branches.

PNB continues to be a partner to the Filipino farmer.

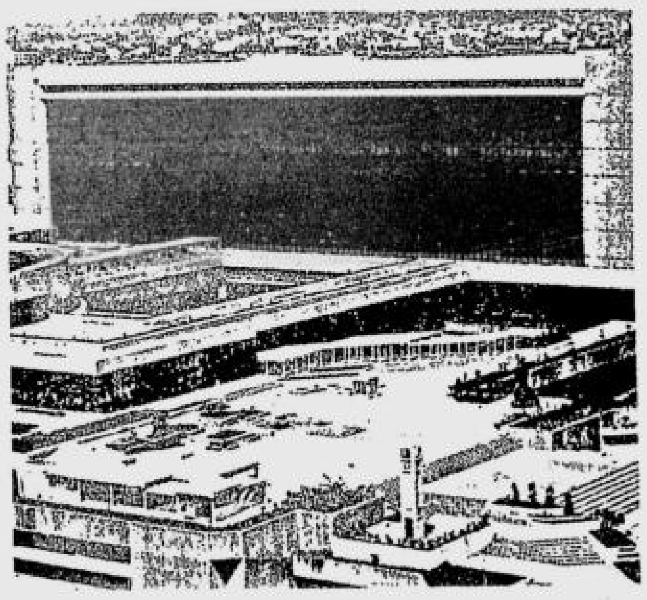


PNB Superteller: First in automated tellering.

1980 - PNB became the first universal bank in the country.

1991 - Achieved the best dividend record by any Philippine Corporation and was voted as the best managed Philippine Company in a survey among institutional investors in Asia & Europe. Adjudged Marketing Company of the Year in the Agora Awards.

1992 - PNB became the first Philippine bank to reach P100 billion mark in assets.



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May 3, 2002 - Memorandum of Agreement is signed between the Philippine Government and the L.T. Group. A 5-year, P25-billion peso package for the rehabilitation program of PNB.

As PNB forges forward towards a new era, expect great changes and a positive future ahead - Truly all for the Filipino.

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Ayala gets into show business

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

MEDIA and tinsel town attract even those who are already in the seat of financial power.

PLDT president Manuel V. Pangilinan, who is now embroiled in a battle to prevent his own employers, the First Pacific, from selling the phone firm to taipan John Gokongwei for a song, once had plans of creating a venue for an "Asian broadway" at the Global City in Fort Bonifacio.

Following Pangilinan is no less than Ayala Corp. top man Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, more known as Jaza in business circles.

Last year, Jaza convinced talent manager Girlie Rodis to incorporate her entrepreneurial venture of over 20 years into TalentWorksAsia, which is 95-percent owned by the Ayala Internet Venture Partners, a firm that is 100 percent owned by the iAyala Company Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Ayala Corp.

Rodis' holds 5 percent of the company through her GR Management Services.

TalentWorks provides a range of services, from talent management, casting, bringing in foreign acts, representing foreign acts, events planning, show production and even funds sourcing for alternative movies.

First talent

Rodis's first talent was Kuh Ledesma, immediately followed by big name performers in the '80s including Ivy Violan, Cherie Gil, Mitch Valdes, Champoy and Nonoy Zuñiga.

Today she manages the Cojuangco sisters—Mikee, Mai-mai and China—Geneva Cruz and Rachel Alejandro.

Rodis decided to join her company with the Zobels because she said she was getting bored with her work and was ready to try something new.

Her relationship with the Ayala group started when she worked with Jaza's wife Lizzie on a project called "Sisikat sa Aklat" which encouraged reading via celebrity endorsements.

After getting to know each other more, Jaza got her to sit down with Jack Madrid, executive director of iAyala.

"Jaza had this gut feel that if he put Girlie and I together, something would click," Madrid, who joined Ayala in 1995 recalls.

Rodis' vision is to create a brick and mortar company that would enable more Filipino talents to cross over to the international scene.

Success abroad

Rodis notes that the only Filipino who has really succeeded abroad is Lea Salonga.

"The Filipino talent has gone all over the world performing in various theaters. The problem is you don't have the structural support. If there is a serious corporation behind 'celebrityhood'. . . What if Ayala worked for something like this," she says.

Jaza got hooked on this vision and told Rodis she should carry out that vision through company, and the Ayala group was going to help her do it.

"We recognized at the group level that media is one of the obvious gaps in our group of companies," explains Madrid.

But he says the group did not want to take too big a risk in terms of the size of the investment.

"One way to get our feet wet without buying a TV station or any kind of media asset is through TalentWorks. The best approach is the raw core, the material—the media talents," he explains.

And talent-managing can be quite lucrative, Rodis adds.

"Some talents can easily net you P2-3 million a year, some 20 to 25 percent of the fees of the talent," she says.

TalentWorks' start-up capital is over P15 million, which has not yet been used up. Madrid says they expect to be in the black by next year.

TalentWorks began operations in August last year and so far has done some events like the opening of Greenbelt 3, and the 12 days of Christmas at Glorietta.

Its biggest coup so far is being named the casting agency of McCann Erickson for its ads.

Although the firm can easily be perceived as a competitor to other talent managers, Rodis says TalentWorks prefers to be looked upon as a partner.

The Ayala name brings the track record of the conglomerate. Doors tend to open wider when they see the group behind TalentWorks.

"The pie got bigger because of Ayala. We are in a position to source funds for certain projects," Rodis says.

Madrid adds that, "we will be able to network people who can enlarge the pie."

What TalentWorks wants to do is develop talents and create talents who can grow old in the business.

Rodis points out that most of the country's talents just fade away when they grow old.

The group wants to be able to create Barbra Streisands, Donna Summers, Tina Turners, who may be past middle age but are still respected performers that people are willing to pay a premium just to hear them sing.

JACK Madrid and Girlie Rodis

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TalentWorksAsia

WHAT TalentWorks wants to do is develop talents who can grow old in the business.

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MOVEMENTS

PGI names new president

PHILIPPINE Geothermal Inc. announced the appointment of Barry S. Andrews as president effective Aug. 1, 2002 and of Antonio F. Yee as senior vice president and general manager.

Andrews succeeds D. Stephen Pye, who is retiring after 35 years of distinguished service with Unocal Corp., the parent company of PGI. Pye became president of PGI in 1998.

As president, Andrews will have overall responsibility for the Philippine business unit. He is expected to be a key resource to the PGI negotiating team, led by Luli Heras-de Leon, PGI executive vice president, in the ongoing discussions and negotiations with PSALM and the state-owned National Power Corp.

Andrews has been actively involved in these discussions over the past several months, and PGI is confident the negotiations will be successfully completed.

As SVP and GM, Yee will be primarily responsible for PGI's ongoing geothermal steam field operations at Tiwi and Makiling-Banahaw. He is the highest ranking Filipino in PGI.

Philips names new execs

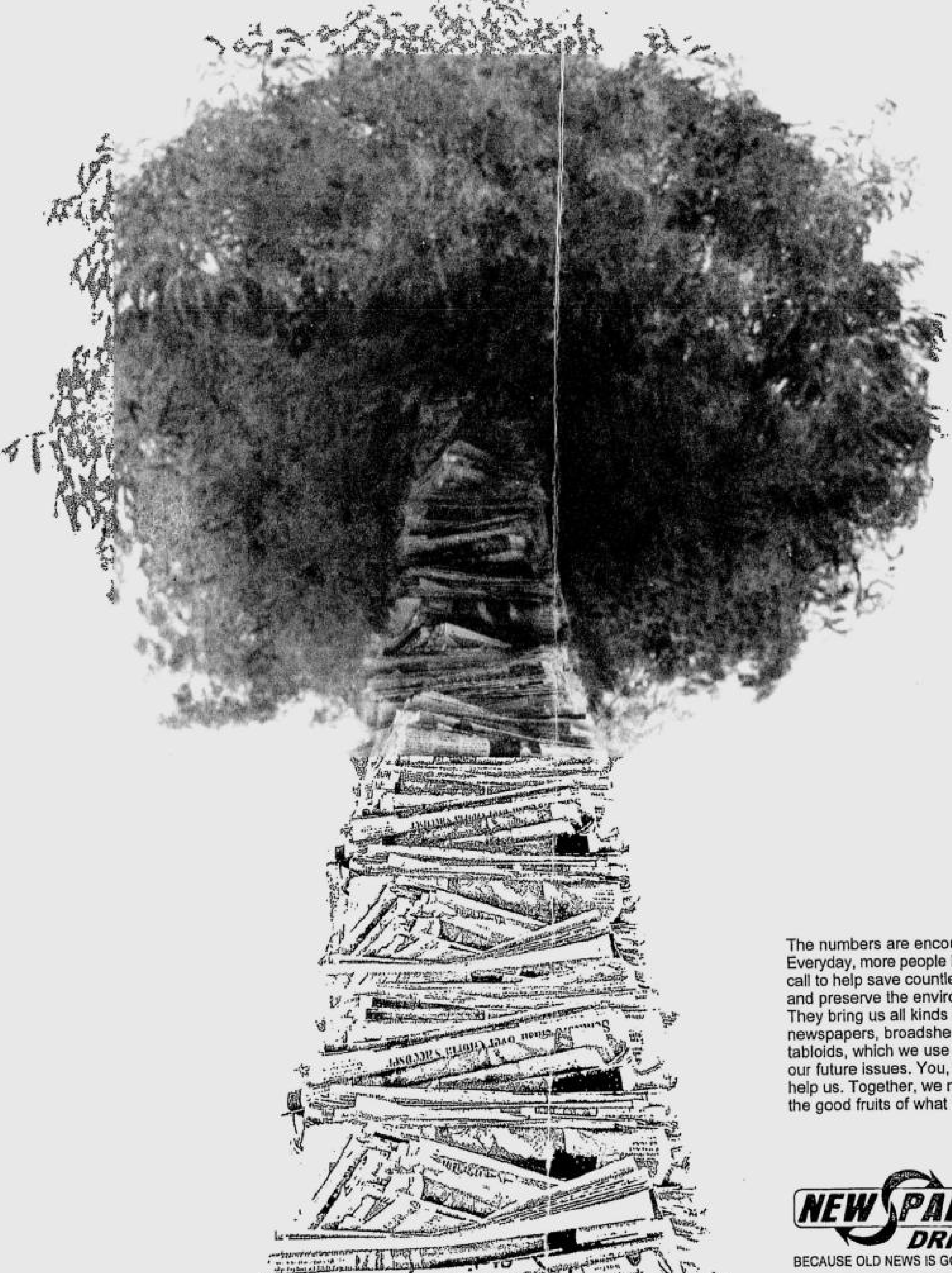
PHILIPS Electronics recently announced the appointment of Alan Sparks as the Regional Manager for Philips Consumer Electronics in Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa.

Sparks will assume full responsibility for the strategic management of the region. He succeeds Frans von Houten who is expected to take a new position at the Philips Consumer Electronics headquarters in Amsterdam.

Prior to his appointment, Sparks was the SVP and Asia Pacific general manager of Philips Consumer Communications, the company's mobile and digital cordless phone division.

Under his guidance, Philips Consumer Communications in Asia Pacific registered profitable growth over the last three years, despite the global telecommunications slowdown.

Sparks started his career with Philips in South Africa in 1994 leading the local PABX division in Philips Business Communications.



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Using sports to foster closer relations among employees

VINK

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

DUTCHMAN Johannes Adrianus Vink considers him lucky to have spent eight years in Belgium as it helped him adjust to the local culture.

Vink, president and CEO of Philam Insurance Co. Inc., the non-life arm of Philamlife, cites many similarities between the Philippine and Belgian cultures.

Unlike in his native Netherlands, Vink says both Belgium and the Philippines put a lot of importance on personal relationships between the company and its clients and among the employees.

He also notices that Belgians and Filipinos tend to be more sensitive than the Dutch.

"We tend to be clinical and we totally segregate our business life from our personal life, such that it is possible to really argue with somebody in the office at quarter to six and still be able to have a drink with him at 6. It is not as easy here," says the 42-year-old.

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Vink's sensitivity to the cultural nuances here has allowed him to reach out to the staff and to get them to work toward a common objective of making Philam Insurance the No. 1 in the industry.

Vink, however, admits that it still took some months before he got used to doing business here even if he was prepared somehow by his stint in Belgium.

Coaches

"I had to rely on people for advice and I was fortunate to have had a number of coaches. People who helped me include Joey Cuisia and Bobby Romulo," Vink says.

It has now been just a little over a year since he was appointed CEO last Jan. 1, 2001 and Vink says he is now comfortable in his job, and is confident that the group would be able to meet its objective to strengthen the firm's dominance in the non-life insurance market.

He has even been able to adjust to the stark difference in temperature between cold Netherlands and tropical Philippines.

"I do respect cultural differences but I still tend to speak my mind although I am more careful about how to put my message across," he says.

For example, Vink says that he would call a person to a one-on-one meeting if he has some issue that he still wants to discuss.

If he were in Amsterdam, Vink says he would have said his piece, even a negative one, in front of a whole group with no worries that the other person would take it personally.

"Over here no matter how many times I tell a person that it is not personal, they still tend to take it personally so when in doubt, I would just talk to him or her alone," he explains.

Vink has 145 employees under him apart from the independent agents and brokers.

Market leader

Philam Insurance, he says, is currently fourth in the market as of the end of last year.

He says he has tapped into the Filipinos' desire for close personal relationships in the way he now runs the business.

One of the innovations was the establishment of a sports and leisure committee that is tasked to draw up activities to foster closer relations among employees.

"We just recently had our bowling tournament and everybody loved it. It is amazing that it was only now that people who worked with each other for years do not really know each other. The bowling helped us know more about the others," he says.

The committee also made sure that the teams were composed of employees from different departments.

Vink joined even if he is a self-confessed bad bowler.

"We have been getting a 70-percent turnout which was really remarkable," he says.

Open communication

Vink says events like these open the doors of communication wider, which he says is important to the success of any company.

"We have production meetings where we talk about common clients and products. We have also put in specialized sessions to talk about what's happening in the market. I want frank and open communication with everybody so that they can share with me their issues," Vink says.

He explains that not all the issues are resolved, but at least there is a chance for valid concerns to be discussed.

Agents and employees tend to open up with Vink because he worked his way up the ranks.

After graduating with a bachelor of Arts degree, major in marketing from the higher Economic Business School in Amsterdam, he joined AON as junior broker.

From there he moved to Thompson Health and Bond and Societe Anonyme D Intermediaries Luxembourgeois before joining the AIG group in 1997 as general manager of AIG Europe.

He was there for three years before he moved to the Philippines.

Vink says Philam is looking to improve its competitiveness by offering new and better products to the market.

Care

One of the latest is the CARE product that provides hospital income to those from 50-75 without needing a medical certificate.

It is the first of its kind in the country and Vink says he is confident that it would be welcomed by Filipinos, the same way that they welcomed him.

Scheduled to be formally launched soon, the CARE product would be sold directly to the consumers unlike other insurance products that are usually sold through agents or distributors.

Vink says the CARE product is just one of the innovations that Philam Insurance plans to introduce to the market as it strengthens its bid to go up the ranks of the non-life insurance companies.

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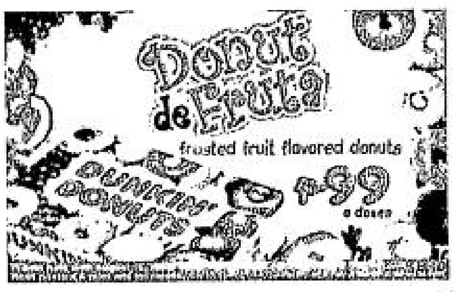
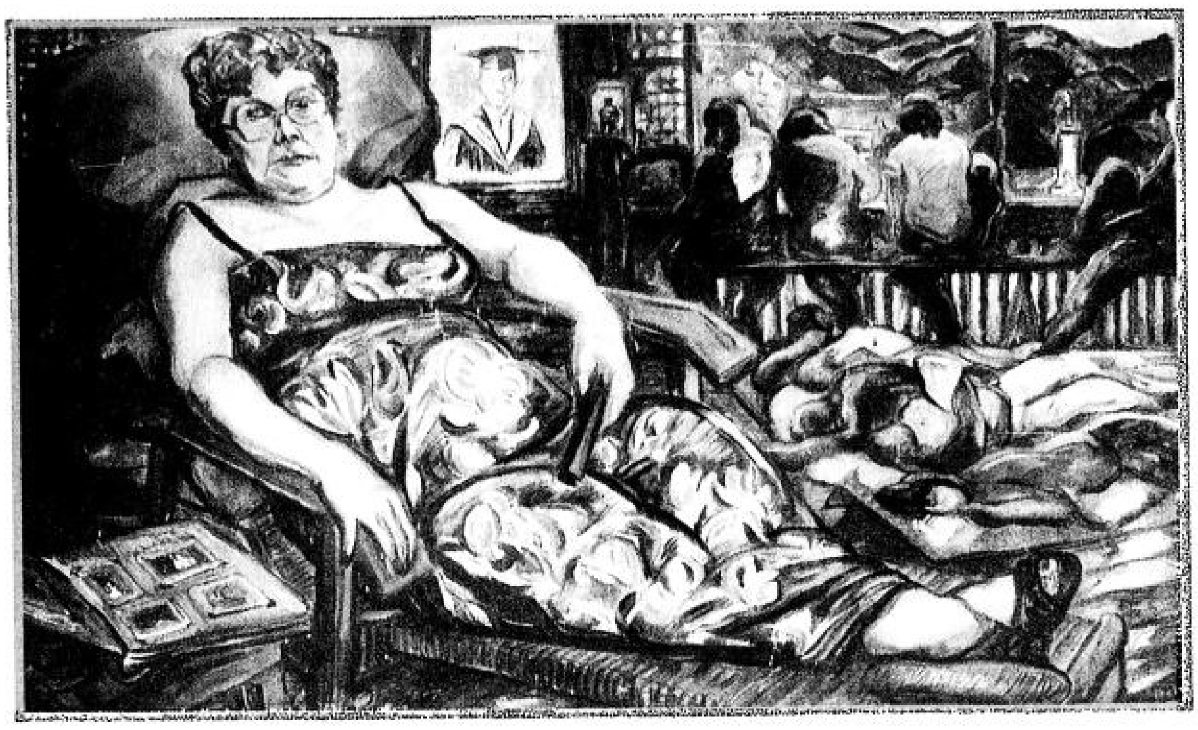
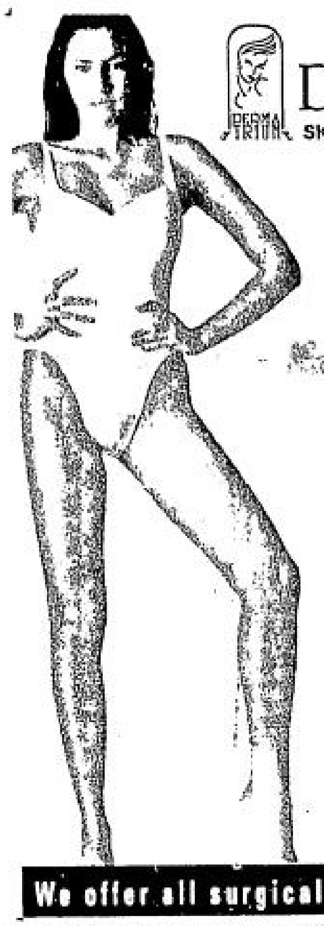




DANNY Dalena pays homage to Manet's "Olympia" with a portrait he titled "Luling Olympia" in the famous pose.



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In the company of masters

By Lynett A. Villariba

AT THE book launch and opening night of "Homage to the Masters" recently, the question persisted: How do accomplished artists relate to the timeless Masters? Like a student in awe of the master, or like a brush stroke wanting to become the painting?

The traditional concept of "Master" embodies an idea or work referring to artists who are no longer around but whose achievements and predominance surpass all others. If this were so, then living artists comprising "all others" would only be too glad to be apprentices whose achievements would be merely works in progress.

"Homage to the Masters 2"—the book—says a critical dialogue with the past can create a present art form. Artists relate to the Masters by "reworking" a masterpiece in emulation, or even rejection.

"Homage to the Masters 2"—the exhibition—shows the masterpieces as an artist's apprenticeship to the exploration of his innate artistry.

National Artists Napoleon Abueva and Arturo Luz and Republic Cultural Heritage awardee Federico Alcuaz lead 39 other accomplished artists in walking the path toward excellence that defines a master.

The paths taken are as diverse as there are many artists: winding or geometric, impressionist or realist, cubist or romantic, chiaroscuro or pentimento. But one thing is apparent: the journey they eventually create becomes their own, neither by imitation nor by digital replication, but by their hands, by their own energy.

On the other side are equally distinguished guests, led by National Artists José Maceda (for Music) and F. Sionil José (for Literature), who came to bask in the fellowship of the masters. This company they sought in feeling

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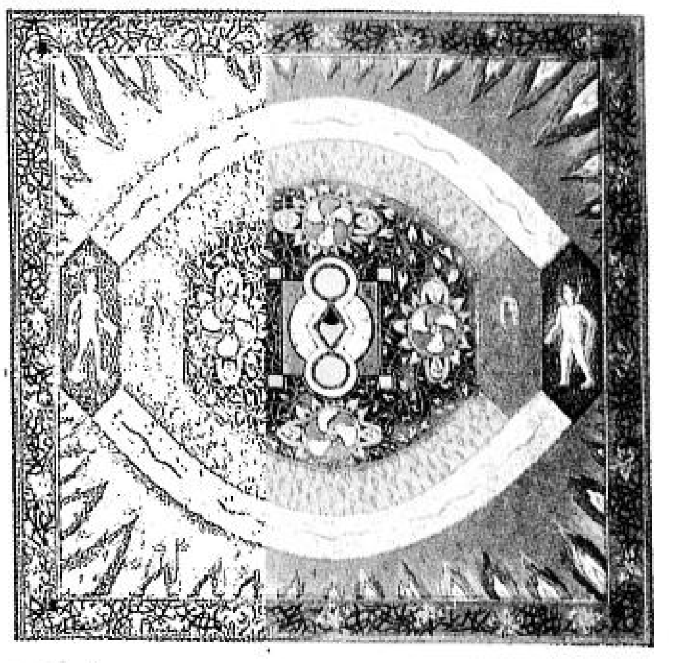
The mandala as vehicle for social commentary

By Constantino C. Tejero

LEONARD Aguinaldo with his work "Eyes In My Karma"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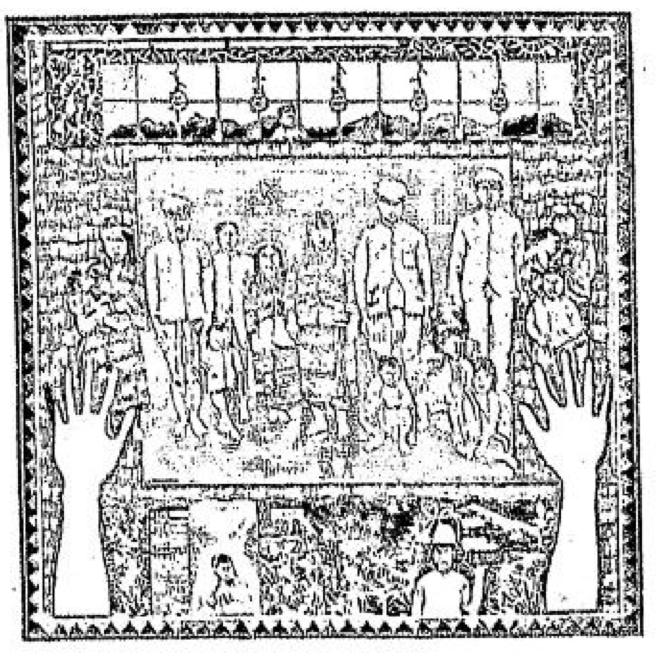
"NINUNO sa Bintana ni Bill"

THE CORDILLERA artists are probably the most high-profile of our regional artists. One thinks of Bencab, Kidlat Tahimik, Santiago Bose, John Frank Sabado, the late Roberto Villanueva.

This is so not just because they have a topography and culture conducive to art-making, or because of the high quality of their art, but also because they regularly hold an art festival, and they are in constant interaction with the Manila art scene, which one can hardly say of artists from other regions of the country.

They also seem to be the most unified, the recent drifting apart of the Baguio Arts Guild notwithstanding. One tends to group them together as Baguio artists, when, in fact, many are from other parts of the Cordillera. Bencab, for example, is based in Tam-awan Village, while Kidlat Tahimik is in Hapao.

Just the same, they are often thought of as a group, and they often exhibit their artworks as a group, such as the recent show in Hiraya.

In the wake of that exhibit comes a dazzling display of 13 mixed-media pieces on neolite by Baguio native Leonard Aguinaldo. The show, "Creative Isolation," is ongoing until July 31 in Hiraya Gallery, 530 United Nations Ave., Ermita, Manila (between Bocobo and Mabini Streets, near Holiday Inn).

Carved, cut or incised on 90.5 cm x 90.5 cm rubber sheets, then painted with oil or acrylic and some embellished with fragments of mirror, are images of such splendid hues and breathtaking precision the viewer is forced into a meditative state. The precision of the etching method, the sharpness or subtlety of coloration, the unwavering symmetry, and especially the miniaturism of motifs and details, are such that one can describe the painstaking technique as anal-retentive.

Occult image

This is the mandala, and the way Aguinaldo has filled it with the brightest hues and the most elaborate designs makes it look like a piece of tapestry. Its concentric configuration of geometric shapes and symbolic forms, radial, curvilinear, wave and flame patterns, motifs of birds, lizards, snakes, dogs, idols, trees, vines, flowers, mountain range, foliage, records and sings the land and its people.

In many of the pieces, Aguinaldo has transformed the mandala from an object of spirituality into a vehicle for social commentary. In some, he even transcends the human experience from the personal to the universal.

"The Policeman Who Ran over My White Dog" shows a slender white dog rampant in the center surrounded by circles within circles of red, blue, with the outmost a golden sunburst. This would seem like an occult image, as in dog worship, until closer inspection reveals the social commentary behind. On the blue borders are etched vignettes of street and market scenes with the policeman as dominant motif.

"Dog's Life in a Man's Life" consists of multicolor squares with vignettes and motif of dogs running, rearing, copulating. The whole conveys a quiet lament over the death of the family dog and a biting comment on the abuses of policemen, guzzlers and dog-eaters. An irreverent touch is the reworking of the Last Supper into a drinking spree with the apportioned carcass of a dog as *pulutan*.

Iconic image

"Ninuno sa Bintana ni Bill" shows an iconic image against a backdrop of netting, from an old photograph of a group of Igorots in native dresses, G-strings, *americana* and berets. On the artwork the artist has etched this information: "Location: Atok, Benguet. Palasay and His Family, 1908. Condition: Good. Picture Subject: Indigenous Cultures." What is meant to be a family portrait has been transformed into a specimen file, a firing-squad shot, a case study of guinea pigs.

This is made more poignant by the pallor of the group portrait amid colorful patterns. The commentary is made more scathing by peripheral images of a man trapped inside an hourglass, a *bulol* entangled by flame-red vines with a balloon crying "Help," a bearded American in turn-of-the-century uniform, probably the governor-general.

In the other pieces, Aguinaldo memorializes death ("Bud of Good Karma"), celebrates fertility ("In Heat"), yearns for the spiritual ("Cut Me a Prayer"). In some, he integrates personal experiences, such as his trip to France as Philippine representative to an international art exhibition ("Walking in a Postcard"), or his indebtedness to the cellphone and the Internet ("Message Sent").

But always, there is his spiritual roots in the Cordillera culture, as illustrated by "Dear God, Make Me an Igorot" and the biggest of the pieces (double the size of the others), "Nature My Culture."

These artworks can be better appreciated without those titles, though. The imagery is clear enough, the lavish colors (tangerine, lilac, yellow, acid-green, ultramarine, flame-red, gold, violet, fuchsia) fill the eyes, and the elaborate patterns have a psychic pull. They don't need to be explained away by extraneous, often blunt titles.

In the mandala's schematized representation of the cosmos is always contained the image of deity or attributes of deity. Here in Aguinaldo's extraordinary artworks, aspects of the divine are represented by Nature and the *bulol*, the granary god of the Cordillera folk. Nothing can be more universal than that.

TONTON Young (seated) works on a drawing. Looking from behind are (from left) Lala Fojas, Motohisa Shimizu and Tom Zita Jr.

The best of Asian cartoons at Shangri-La Mall

FRENCH Ambassador Renée Veyret with Israel Embassy's second secretary Roi Dvir

"THERE'S no greater gift than the gift of laughter," Washington "Tonton" Young, president of Samahang ng Mga Kartonista ng Pilipinas, said in his tribute to the late Larry Alcala at the opening ceremonies of the 5th Asian Cartoon Exhibition, held recently at the 4/L Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

Tonton, who debuted as a cartoonist in the country with his famous "The Best of Pupung," shares this gift of laughter with 10 popular cartoonists from nine Asian countries in the exhibit sponsored by the Japan Foundation of Manila. Featured are Zuo Jili of China, C.H. Venkatesh of India, Dwi Koendoro Brotoatmodjo of Indonesia, Wonsoo Yi of Korea, Mohamad Manafiah Ibrhim of Malaysia, Maung Maung Aung of Myanmar, Pijam Tangkaisal of Thailand, Ayuzawa Makoto and Nishida Toshiko of Japan.

The opening program was highlighted by a short prayer for Larry Alcala. The ribbon-cutting rites were led by Shangri-La Plaza chair and president Tom Zita Jr. and Japan Foundation Manila Office director Motohisa Shimizu. Assisting them were Shangri-La Plaza GM Lala Fojas and Tonton Young.

Guests noted were French Ambassador Renée Veyret, British Council Director Gill Westaway, Israel embassy's second secretary Roi Dvir, Indonesian information secretary Andang Pramana Sosodorosh, Emiko Shimizu and Japan Foundation Manila Office assistant director Hiroaki Uesugi and his wife Naomi. Fellow Filipino cartoonist William "Wico" Contrera and Chong Ardivilla were present to extend their support.

Capping the program was an impromptu cartoon drawing session by Tonton Young. The sketch, titled "Still at It in Heaven," showed an angel asking Larry where he got his pen. Larry, who continued to draw in heaven, replied, "From your wings." As token of appreciation for Shangri-La Plaza support, Tonton turned over the drawing to Fojas.

The Asian Cartoon Exhibition is a project of the Japan Foundation Asia Center. The exhibition travels to various countries.

Catch the exhibit until July 26. Call 811-6155 or 633-7851 local 110.

Kulay sa Tubig at Genesis, Ventura at West

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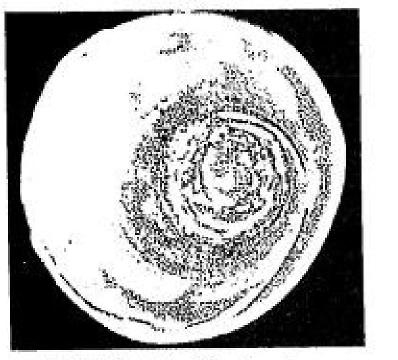

POTTER Hadrian Mendoza's one-man show runs until July 30 at Gallery 139, Artwalk, 4/L, SM Megamall Building A, Mandaluyong City. Mendoza, who originally made vases, now makes more functional pieces. Above is a porcelain in tan blue matt glaze.

GALLERY Genesis will hold the 18th Annual Invitational Watercolor Competition and Exhibition called "Kulay sa Tubig." Five top winners and five runners-up will be chosen from a field of 60 invited artists. Winners get P10,000 each, and the runners-up, P2,500. Awarding of prizes and opening of the exhibition will be on Aug. 1 at the SM Megamall Art Center.

Hall of Fame artists of "Kulay sa Tubig"—Manuel Baldemor, Toti Cerda, Jose Ceriola, Clarence Eduarte, Egai Fernandez, Renato Habulan, Benjie Ladrido, Jimmy Vista and Wong Shui Loong—will exhibit their recent watercolor paintings at Gallery Genesis, SM Megamall. The exhibit will run until Aug. 13. Call 633-8137 to 38.

RONALD Ventura exhibits his latest oil and mixed-media works in "Visual Defects" at the West Gallery of SM Megamall. In the show, Ventura erases preconceived notions viewers may have of certain images, taking into account ideas that warp perception. Call 634-1284.

RAMONCITO Ocampo Cruz presents "Recent Paintings," July 25, at the Crucible Gallery, 4/F Building A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. The exhibit will run until Aug. 13. Call 635-6061.

PAUL S. Dimalanta is holding "Dream Scape Series" until July 30 at the SSS Gallery, 2/F, SSS Building, East Avenue, QC.

"ALL is Binary to Me," works on paper by Yuan Mor'o, is on view at The Drawing Room, G/F, Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Ave., Makati City until Aug. 7. Call 897-6990/7877.

RAMON DIAZ will hold his seventh one-man show, "Fish of Fortune," a tribute to the fascinating and majestic world of fishes, on July 25 at the Genluna Gallery, Davao City. Call (082) 226-2104 or e-mail genluna@mozcom.com.

SACRED indigenous space is reinterpreted and reformed in a contemporary installation, Pablo Claver Fernando's "Stone, Space and Ritual," from July 23-Aug. 20, at the Bulwagang Fernando Amorsolo, Cultural Center of the Philippines. Call 832-3702.

"THE HOLY Family, Filipino Version," an oil painting by Bikolano artist Elmer Sergio, is a gift to Pope John Paul II by the parishioners of Our Lady of the Visitation Church, Sacred Heart Village, Novaliches, QC, headed by Rev. Fr. Walter de Vilder, CICM. The painting is temporarily enshrined at the Visitation Church, where it will stay until the papal visit in January. Call 417-8823.

THE LUNTIANG Daigdig Artists (Lunda) Group Inc., in cooperation with the Special Concerns Office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, holds its 34th painting exhibit, "Inang Kalikasan: Kadluan ng Yamang Sining," at the DENR Visitors' Center lobby, Ninoy Aquino Park and Wildlife, North Avenue, QC. Participating artists are Solano Cruz (founder), Arturo Cuvinar (president), Joseph Clavita, Vicente Larosa, Lito Buna, Charles de Nava, Nards Zepeda and Carolina Estrada. Jun Martinez, Melencio Sapno and Bal Fornalisa are guest artists. Call 924-6031.

"TSINELAS: A Contemporary Revisioning of the Slippers," an exhibit featuring the works of young, contemporary artists of Cebu City, led by the resident artists of the Luna ArtSpace, is on view at the Luna ArtSpace. The exhibit runs until Aug. 9.

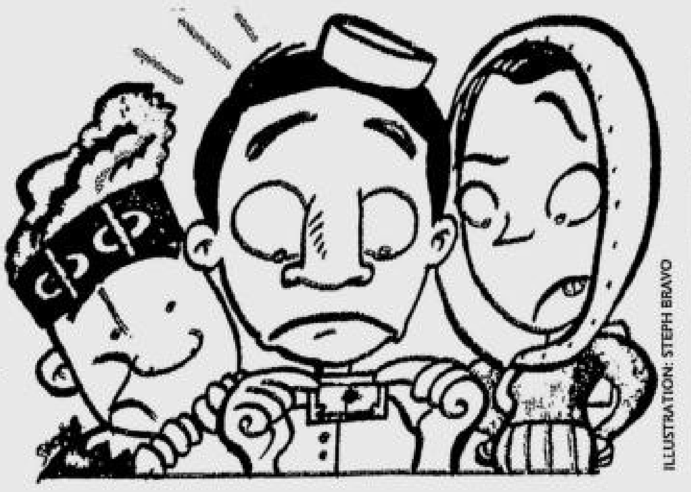
NIK Masangcay Jr. is holding "Small Beginnings" at Ilustrado Restaurant, Silahis Center Compound, sponsored by Galeria de las Islas. Call 527-2113.

ANTHROPOLOGIST Francisco Datar presents an exhibit of photographs, "Windows and Women," at the Edge (Gallery B) of the UP Vargas Museum until Aug. 15. On Aug. 8, Datar will give a talk on photography and anthropological field research. Call 928-1927 or 920-5301 local 740.

SYANO Art Link, an art space initiated and founded by Negros artist Nuneluclo Alvarado, presents "Dagsa," an inaugural art exhibit featuring artists from Bacolod, Iloilo and Cebu. Participating artists include Stephanie de la Cruz, P.G. Zoluaga, Rodney Martinez, Charlie Co, Dennis Ascalon and Nuneluclo Alvarado. Syano Art Link is at 19 Shanghai St., Better Living Subdivision, Paranaque City. The exhibit runs until July 30. Call 821-3904.

"BOOK Art VI," an exhibit of books handcrafted by several artists, is on view at The Luz Gallery, Locsin Building, corner Makati and Ayala Avenues, Makati City. The show features experimental structures, innovative book ideas and traditional Oriental and Western binding styles. Participating artists are Virgilio Aviado, Ben Cabrera, Carlos Celdran, Nida Dumsang, Tony Gonzales, Tess Pasola, Adie Pena, Susan Fetalvero-Roces, Ofelia Gelvezon-Tequi, Asao Shimura, and Winsome Jobling and Tony Twigg from Australia. The exhibit runs until Aug. 8.

Mindanao receives only .61 percent of NCCA endowment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THIS is in reference to Lito Zulueta's article ("Stasis in culture and the arts," Lifestyle, 06/10/02), which reported my observation that Mindanao is getting less than one percent of the total grant money from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, and to the rejoinder by NCCA chair Evelyn Pantig ("Despite budget cuts, arts regime is well—NCCA," Lifestyle, 07/08/02), where she essentially said that my claim was inaccurate: "Mr. Zulueta quoted poet-fictionist Jaime An Lim as saying that Mindanao programs do not even amount to one percent of the NCCA's funding for the arts and culture. This is an unfair statement."

There is nothing unfair about my statement. That happens to be the truth, as reflected in the 2000 Annual Report of the NCCA.

Last year, when I was elected coordinator for Northern and Central Mindanao, Committee on Literary Arts (CLA), I was given a copy of the report as part of the orientation of incoming coordinators. It was only after reading the report, cover to cover, that I got a good overview of the NCCA and its activities in terms of areas of concern, category, and implementation.

Since I am a Mindanao coordinator, I paid particular attention to the Mindanao component. What I discovered was unexpected and even disturbing: that in 2000, Mindanao received less than one percent of the total NCCA grant funds.

I am surprised that Ms Pantig does not know this, since she was a member of the previous board of commissioners that approved the project proposals. She should carefully review the figures and statistics of the report, specifically on pages 50-52, 64-80.

That year, NCCA approved a total of 327 project grants worth P128,363,680.39. Of that amount, how much went to Mindanao programs and what percentage did it represent out of the total grant money? Exactly P784,600, representing .61 percent of P128,363,680.39.

The issue

That NCCA has never overlooked the Mindanao island group is true enough. And I suppose Ms Pantig can always furnish the PDI with a list of NCCA-supported projects to substantiate that claim.

But that is not the issue. The issue is a fair and equitable distribution of grant support for the three island groups: Mindanao, Visayas, and Luzon.

In 2000, Mindanao received a token drop in the bucket. The NCCA can make it a full one, two, or even three percent, and that still smacks of tokenism. The Visayas and Luzon (excluding the NCR) fared only a little better. (I urge the Visayas and Luzon coordinators to scrutinize the NCCA annual reports; because you are in for a rude awakening.)

So where did the bulk of the grant support go? To the National Capital Region. By as much as P24.6 million, in CY 2000, according to the NCCA annual report. Less than P1 million for Mindanao and P24M for the NCR.

Does Ms Pantig honestly think these figures fair and equitable? Has anything been done to correct the imbalance? Does anybody care at all? As a Mindanaoan, I cannot accept that a drop in the bucket is all that Mindanao deserves to get, limited resources notwithstanding.

I can only believe that this is Imperial Manila in operation once more. Otherwise, why privilege the NCR over the country's three island groups? The NCR is not the Philippines, and the Philippines is not just the NCR.

The problem

As chair of the NCCA, Ms Pantig must initiate reforms in the system so that the regions outside the NCR are accorded their due. She has the 22 national committees to help her with this.

The committees are composed of coordinators at the grass-roots level from all regions of the country. They are supposedly "the mechanism through which the community of Philippine artists and cultural workers can participate in decision-making affecting culture and the arts."

The problem is that what has been taken up, debated over, approved, and prioritized at the committee level is then disapproved or approved by the board. This effectively undercuts the real empowerment of the committees.

And who compose the board of commissioners? Bureaucrats mostly based in the NCR. No wonder.

During the recent NCCA conference (June 13-14), Ms Pantig announced the release of some funds for the NCCA. Then she said something which I found alarming: "*Mag-unahan na kayo d'yan*. First come, first served."

Is that the best we can do? To reduce grant-getting to a matter of running speed and elbowing power? This is precisely the sort of cavalier attitude that must not be encouraged in the NCCA.

The NCCA is a government agency, a national commission, tasked with a national mandate. It is supported mainly by public funds. The taxpayers of Mindanao, Visayas and Luzon are sustaining the operation of the agency. Does Ms Pantig think these taxpayers will be very happy to find out how little is being plowed back to their area for their cultural development?

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In the company of masters

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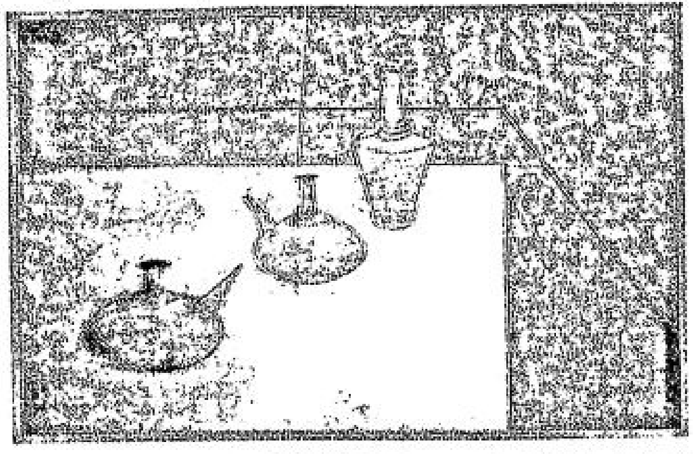
the energy of a Van Gogh brush stroke rendered by Juvenal Sansó, in sensing the smoothness of a Cezanne apple emulated by Ed Lantin, or in listening to the strains of a José Maceda music played out of Lirio Salvador's sculpture.

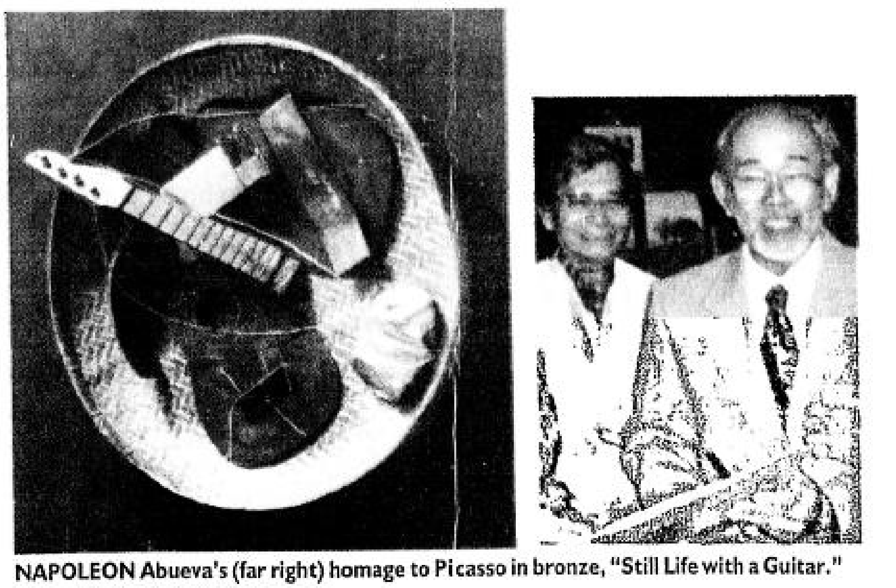
The observer entered a privileged circle, seeing up close the geometry of Paul Klee in Arturo Luz's works; in acknowledging the abstract patterns of a Manansala in Romulo Galicano's painting; in sensing the Zen-like quality of a Mu Ch'i in Ofelia Gelvezon Tequi's art piece.

There is enough time (the exhibit runs up to September) and a whole lot of viewing space (the Metropolitan Museum of Manila) to walk your own artistic journey in the company of the Masters. Beyond that, you can continue this journey through 102 book pages in good company.

This is the second in a series under the project launched by the Metropolitan Museum of Manila in conjunction with the ArtLink Group. As designed by art historian and artist Rod. Paras-Perez, the project aims to promote mentoring by emulation with the homage exhibition, book, seminars and workshops.

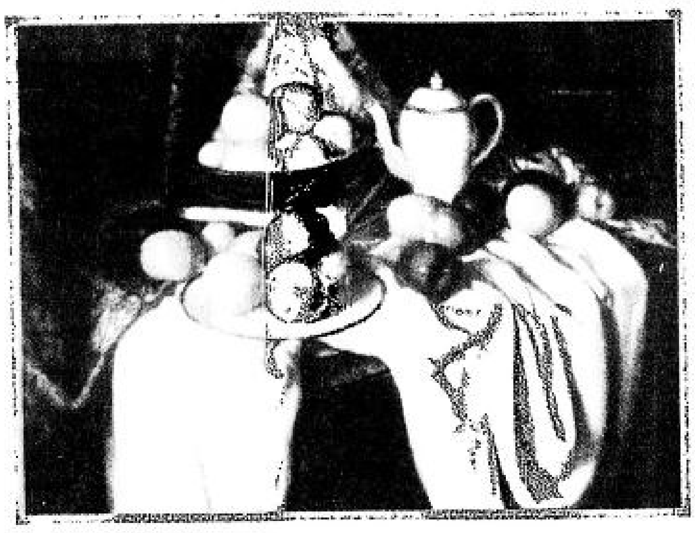


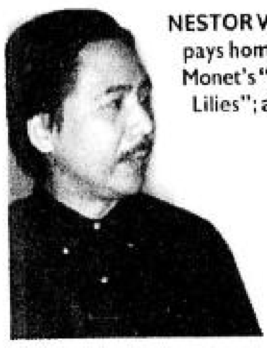
ARTURO Luz acknowledges Paul Klee's influence in "Madjapahit II"; acrylic on paper.



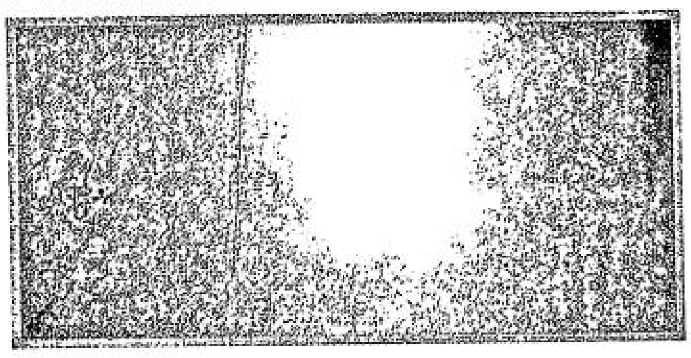
NAPOLEON Abueva's (far right) homage to Picasso in bronze, "Still Life with a Guitar." Behind him is Rod. Paras-Perez.

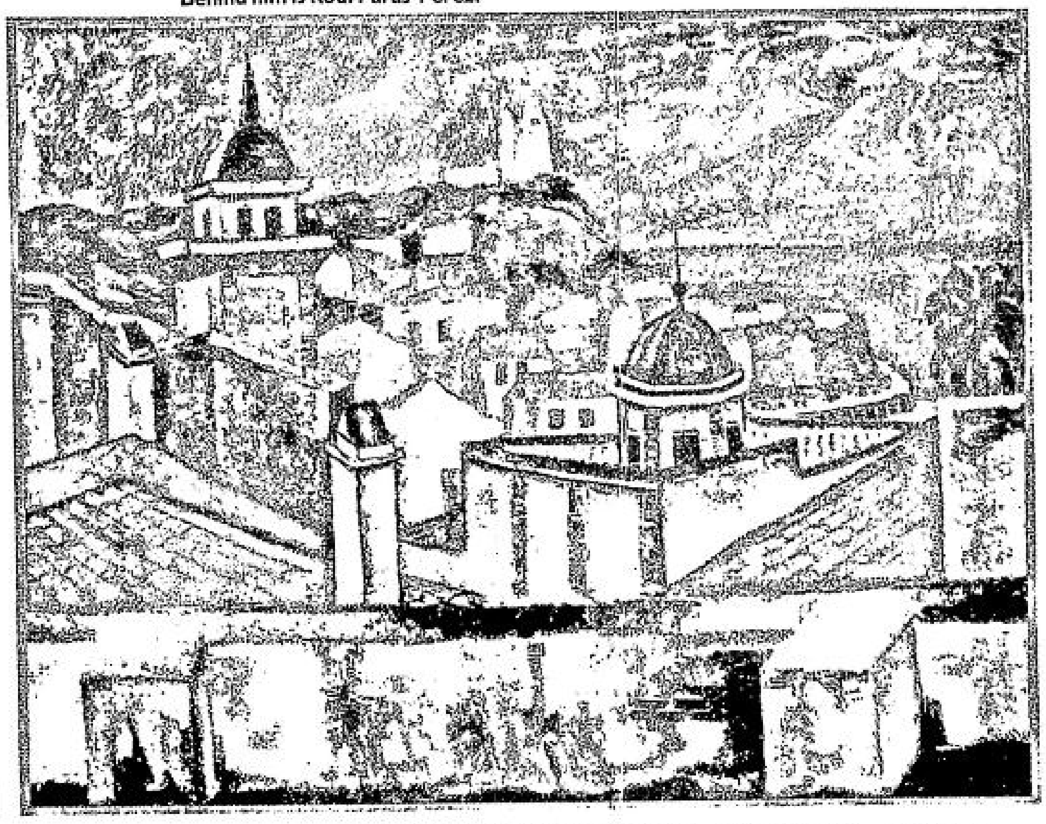
EDGARDO Lantin's "Homage to Cezanne"; oil



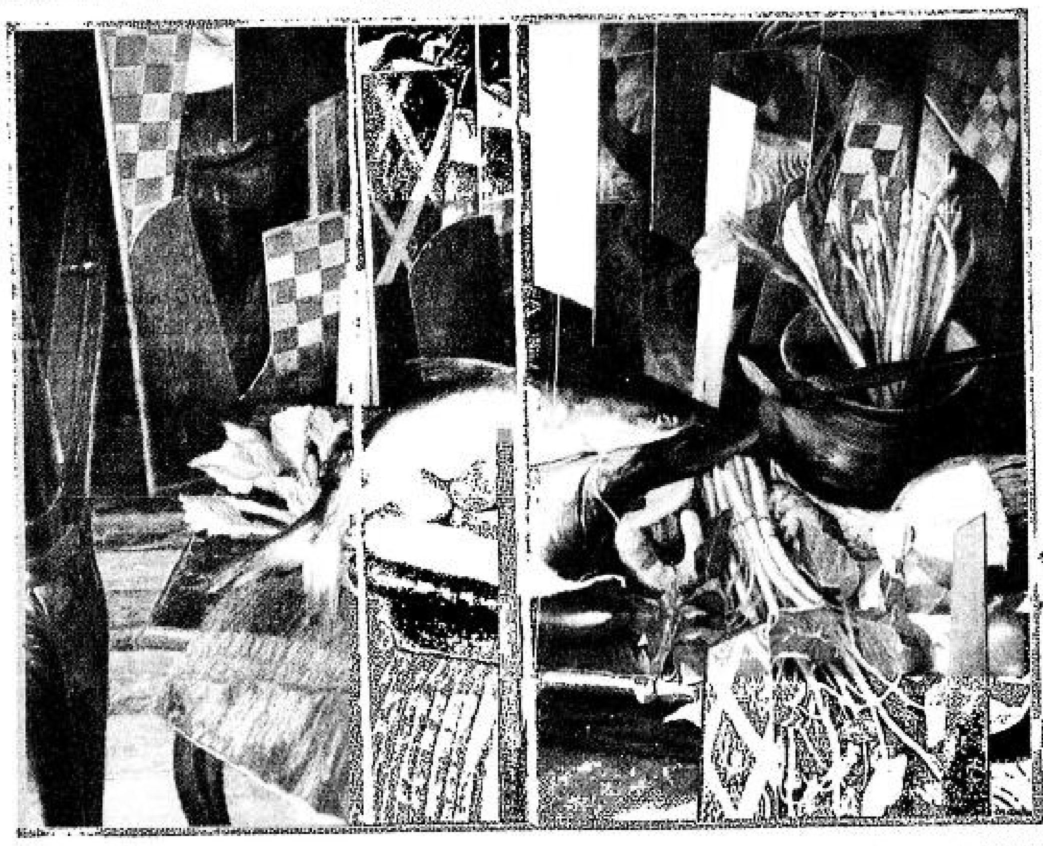


NESTOR Vinluan pays homage to Monet's "Water Lilies"; acrylic.

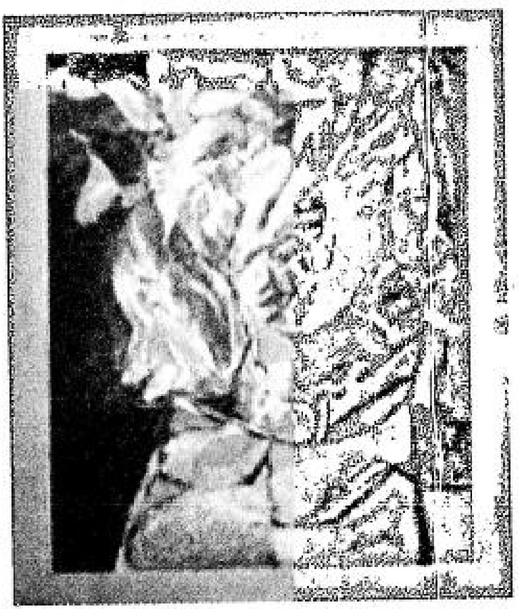


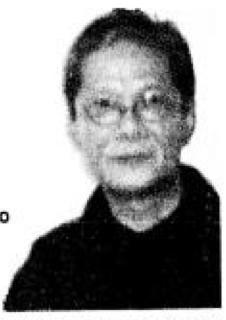


FEDERICO Aguilar Alcuaz's homage to Picasso, "Sant Pol de Mar"; oil, 1966



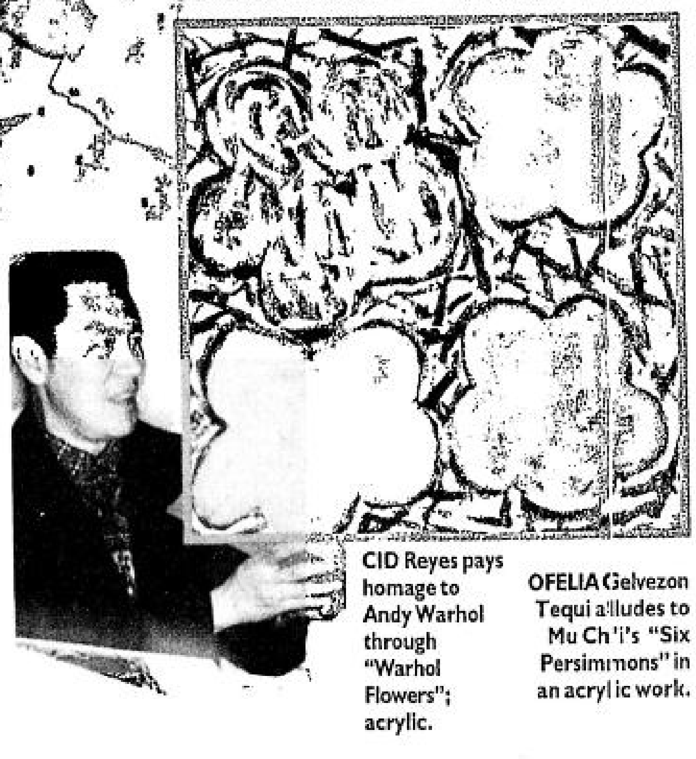
ROMULO Galicano pays tribute to Manansala in his realist oil rendition of the ingredients of *sinigang*.



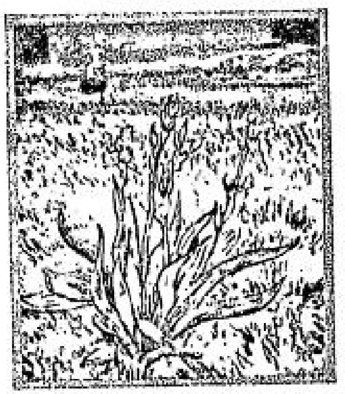


EDWIN Wilwayco with his "Homage to Matisse"

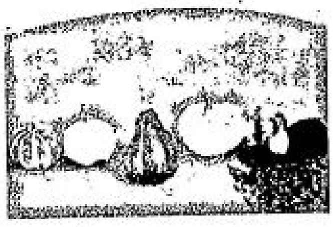
MANNY Baldemor before his "Homage to El Greco"



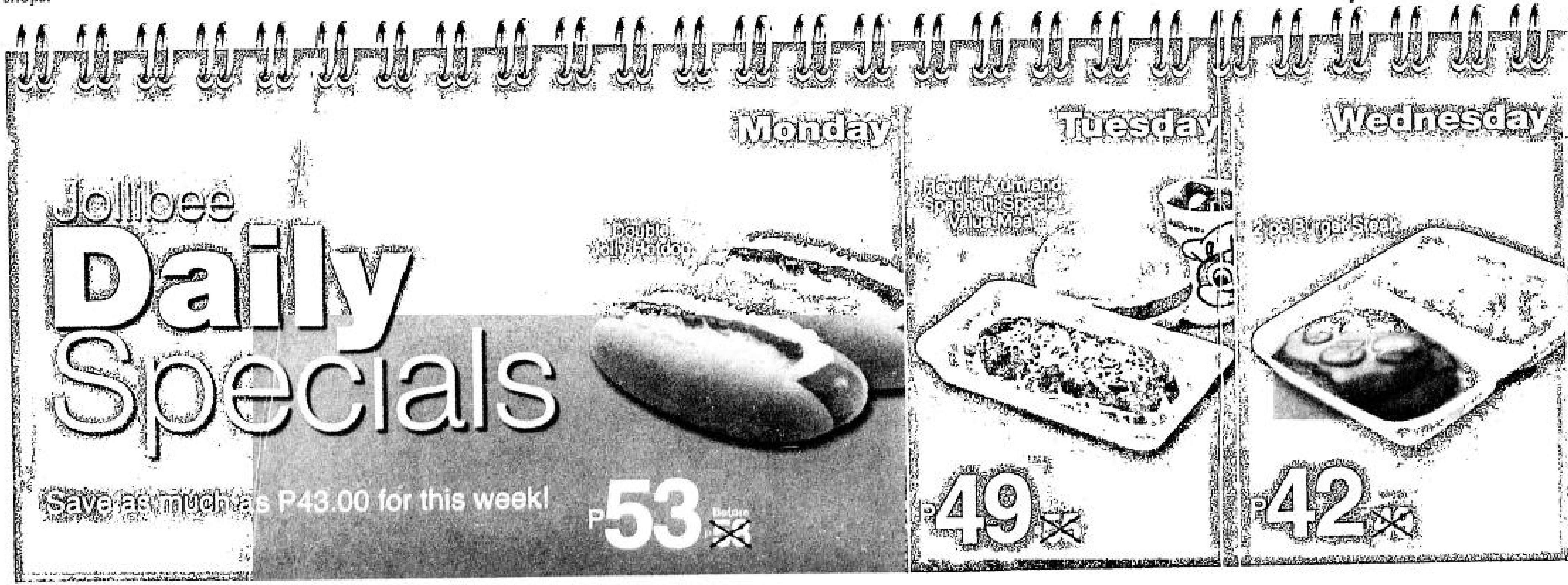
CID Reyes pays homage to Andy Warhol through "Warhol Flowers"; acrylic.



JUVENAL Sansó's homage to Van Gogh, "Sunburst in Provence"; acrylic



OFELIA Gelvezon Tequi alludes to Mu Ch'i's "Six Persimmons" in an acrylic work.



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Or visit www.StudentArtContest.com and download entry forms.

Deadline for submission of entries is on Aug. 21, 22 and 23 for provincial entries, and Sept. 12, 13 and 14 for Metro Manila entries.

Deadline for Petron art tilt set

THE SECOND ArtPetron National Student Art Competition is now open to university-based and museum-based students from all over the Philippines.

This year's theme is "Lumang Galing, Bagong Sining," which highlights the arts and crafts of the country. Participating students should capture on canvas any indigenous skill or craft practiced for more than 25 years, preferably in one's hometown or community. These should be arts and trades that are still practiced by the community.

Some interesting subjects include the lanterns of Pampanga, the papier-mâché and *bakya*-making of Laguna, the embroidery and *balisong* of Batangas, boat-making in Zamboanga, the shoe industry of Marikina, the *buntal* hat of Quezon, textile weaving in Lanao del Norte, woodcarving in the Mountain Province, and marble cutting and shaping in Romblon.

Deadline of submission is Aug. 5. There are two categories: oil and watercolor. Three first-prize winners will be named for each category; they will receive P50,000 each. Three runner-up winners will receive P20,000 each. Winning artworks will be printed in Petron's 2003 calendar to be distributed nationwide.

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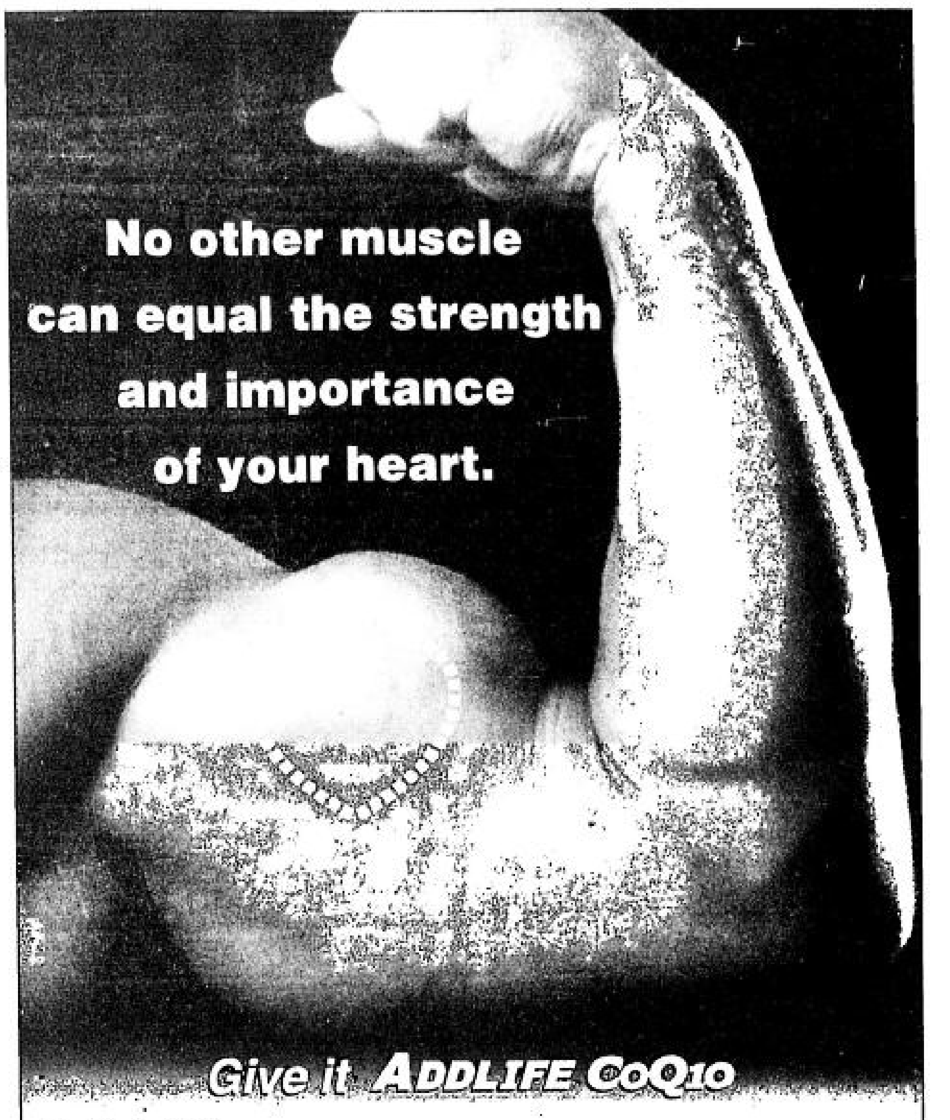

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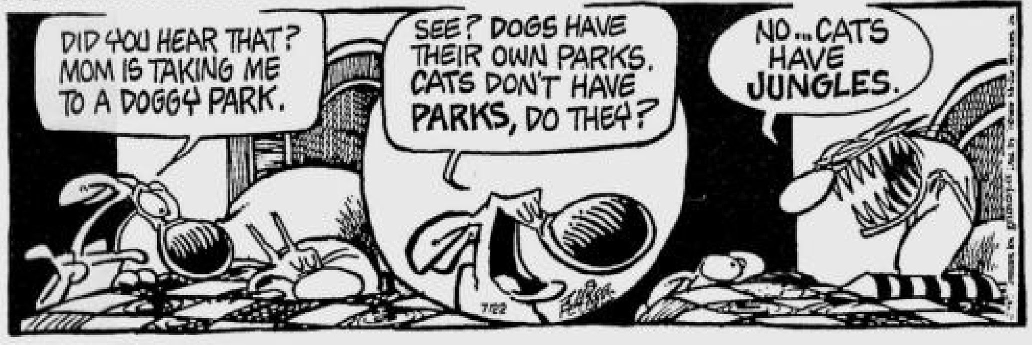
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SEE? DOGS HAVE THEIR OWN PARKS. CATS DON'T HAVE PARKS, DO THEY?
NO...CATS HAVE JUNGLES.
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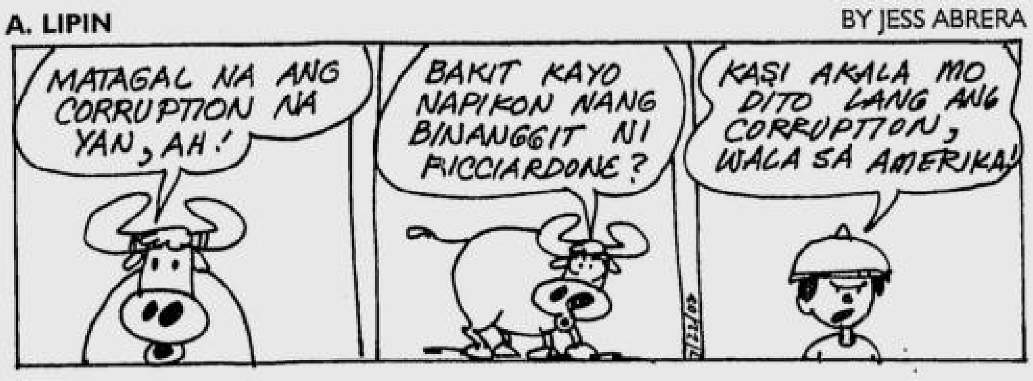
BY JESS ABRERA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BAKIT KAYO NAPIKON NANG BINANGGIT NI RICCIARDONE?
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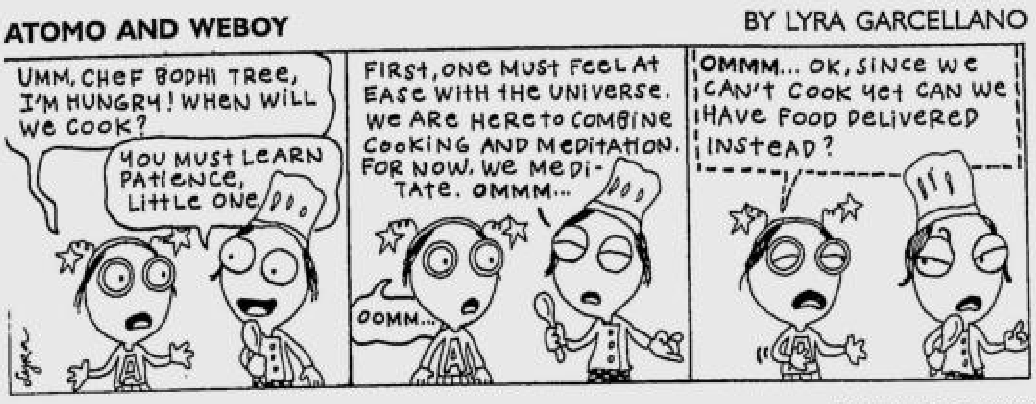
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OOMM...
OMMM... OK, SINCE WE CAN'T COOK YET CAN WE HAVE FOOD DELIVERED INSTEAD?

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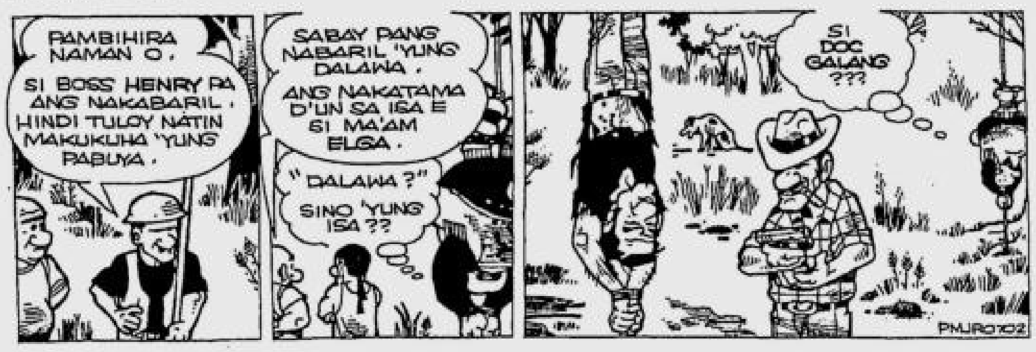
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ANG NAKATAMA D'UN SA ISA E SI MA'AM ELGA.
"DALAWA?"
SINO 'YUNG ISA??
SI DOC GALANG ???
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
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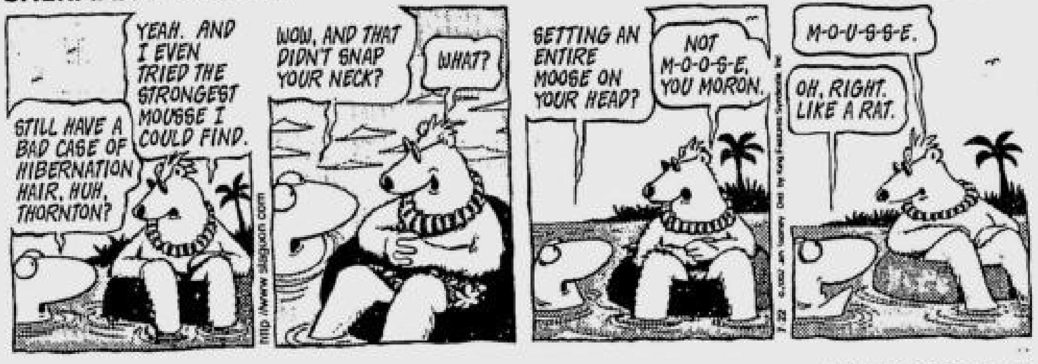
STILL HAVE A BAD CASE OF HIBERNATION HAIR, HUH, THORNTON?
YEAH. AND I EVEN TRIED THE STRONGEST MOUSSE I COULD FIND.
WOW, AND THAT DIDN'T SNAP YOUR NECK?
WHAT?
GETTING AN ENTIRE MOOSE ON YOUR HEAD?
NOT M-O-O-S-E, YOU MORON.
M-O-U-S-S-E.
OH, RIGHT. LIKE A RAT.
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SIMO
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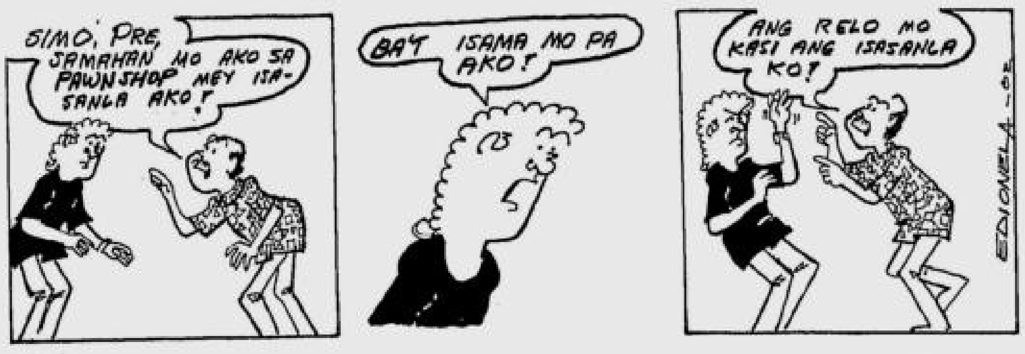
SIMO, PRE, SAMAHAN MO AKO SA PAWNSHOP MEY ISASANLA AKO!
BA'T ISAMA MO PA AKO?
ANG RELO MO KASI ANG ISASANLA KO!
EDIONELA

BABY BLUES
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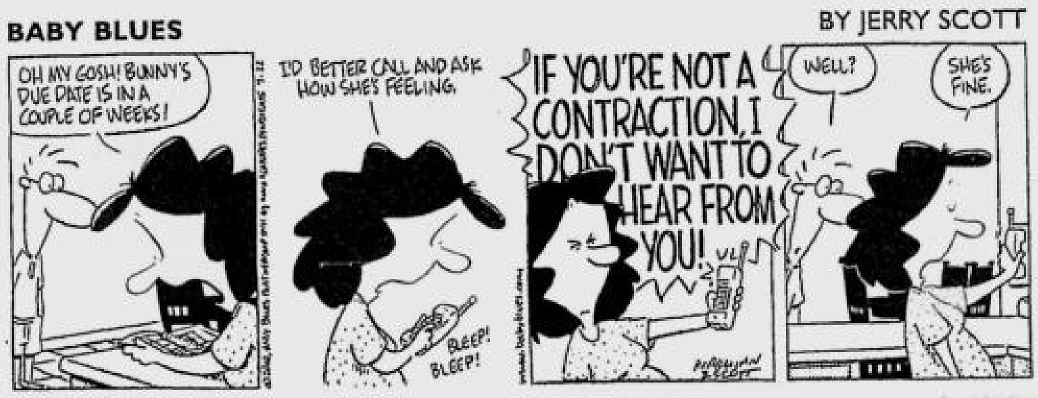
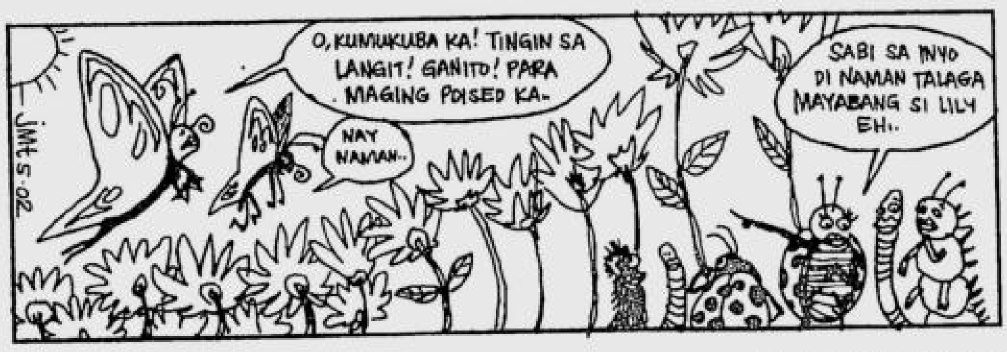

OH MY GOSH! BUNNY'S DUE DATE IS IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS!
I'D BETTER CALL AND ASK HOW SHE'S FEELING.
BLEEP! BLEEP!
IF YOU'RE NOT A CONTRACTION, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
WELL?
SHE'S FINE.

MIKROKOSMOS
BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


O, KUMUKUBA KA! TINGIN SA LANGIT! GANITO! PARA MAGING POISED KA.
NAY NAMAN..
SABI SA INYO DI NAMAN TALAGA MAYABANG SI LILY EH..
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HOROSCOPE
BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Danny Glover, Rose Kennedy, Alex Trebek, Bob Dole

Happy Birthday: Your focus should be on your personal relationships—the basis for your emotional highs and lows. You may want to put your energy into your work but if you do, you may jeopardize the most important thing in your life. Your numbers are 12, 17, 28, 35, 41, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let personal problems interfere with your professionalism. Daydreaming on the job will only get you into trouble. Follow directions with your medication.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Relationships will flourish today if you are attentive. You will attract potential partners if you are single, and you will expand your circle of friends through the groups you join.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your interest in luxury items and art objects will be heightened today. Buying and selling such pieces will be worth your while. Do things to beautify your home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be original in your approach to your work and will actively seek recognition and success for your accomplishments. Lucrative investments are evident.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Moneymaking ventures may turn your life around if you take advantage of them. Talk to someone who might be interested in forming a business partnership.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be the organizer when it comes to social events today. You'll do well at both mental and physical competition and should leap at the opportunity to test your skills. Set your goal for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't take on added burdens when it comes to family responsibilities. You'll be conservative when making changes to your home today and will be more concerned with function than with form.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your interest will lie in helping others to help themselves. Worthwhile groups will be glad to have your dedicated support. Develop a friendship with an older, established individual and you will gain wisdom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your emotions will be close to the surface today and you will find it difficult to hide your true feelings. Use this to your advantage and talk to your close friends or siblings about the way you feel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Visit someone who has been down and help turn his or her disposition around. You can do well working in areas of medicine even if it is just to volunteer. Avoid a situation that could leave you feeling used.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be responsible regarding important issues. Confinement or delay are not things you'll handle well, so being prepared will be of utmost importance today. Health problems will prevail if you don't take care of yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll become a powerhouse when given the OK to organize and delegate work. You will find it easy to do things for others but when it comes to doing for yourself, you will feel guilty.

Birthday Baby: You are determined, industrious and very sensitive. You have the willpower to get what you want. You like doing your own thing

DAILY CROSSWORD

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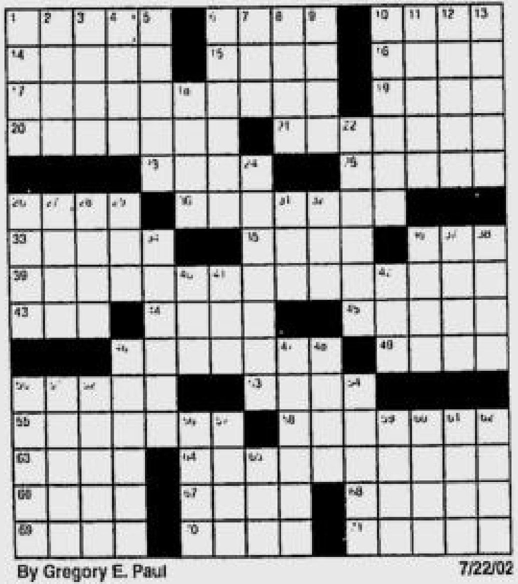

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Scottdale, PA

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ACROSS
1 Molten rock
6 Fountain drink
10 Confab
14 Writer Peters
15 Sweeping saga
16 Hearty mate?
17 Miami section
19 Opposed to, in Dogpatch
20 Some hunting dogs
21 Penthouse porch
23 Location
25 Heronlike wading bird
26 Asian desert
30 Not fixed in position
33 Separate
35 Pelvis bones
36 "Norma __"
39 San Francisco section
43 Nodding response
44 Factual
45 Consumed
46 Limerick's river
49 Tableland
50 Joyride
53 Racing gait
55 Irons
58 "__ Dance"
63 __ never sleeps
64 Boston section
66 First of the pot
67 Bondsman's outlay
68 "__ Shelter," Rolling Stones hit
69 Kind of pilot?
70 Positive
71 J.C. or Sammy

DOWN
1 Disorder
2 Burn balm
3 Satiate
4 Catcher's catcher
5 Cigar droppings
6 Tends after
7 Rationers of WWII
8 Ref. book
9 Yearning
10 Coulomb measure
11 "__ the Horrible"
12 Wonderland girl
13 Credo
18 Hat part
22 Impart
24 Obvious
26 Ill-smelling
27 Mayberry boy
28 Deep voice
29 Tax letters
31 Will Smith title role
32 Again, in music
34 Church donations
36 Sacred observance
37 Surefire shots
38 Volcano near Messina
40 __ pro nobis
41 Religious woman
42 Butt
46 Sonnet finale
47 Delphic prophet
48 Childhood taboo
50 Jack of the nursery
51 Dried fruit
52 Takes a break
54 Light, metallic sounds
56 Recedes
57 NFL defensive player Junior
59 Sparse
60 "The __ of the Ancient Mariner"
61 __ mater
62 Iditarod ride
65 Broadcast

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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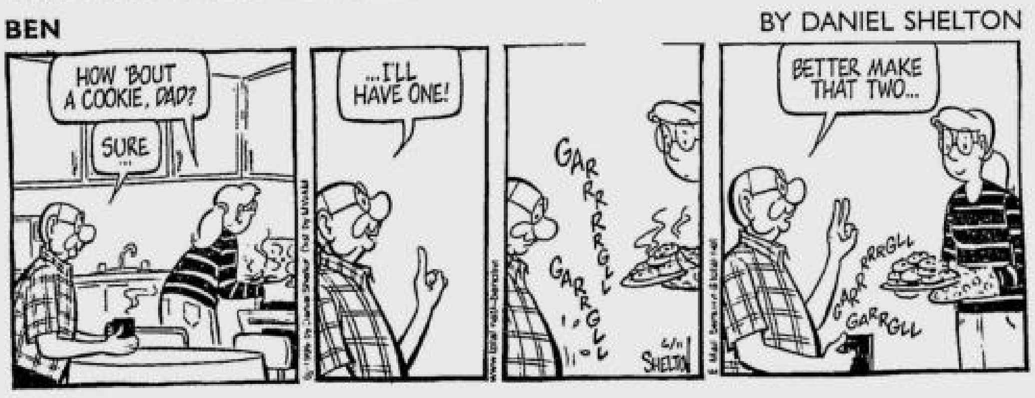
HOW 'BOUT A COOKIE, DAD?
SURE
...I'LL HAVE ONE!
GARRRRGLL
GARRGLL
BETTER MAKE THAT TWO...
GARRRRGLL
GARRGLL
SHELTON

MUTTS
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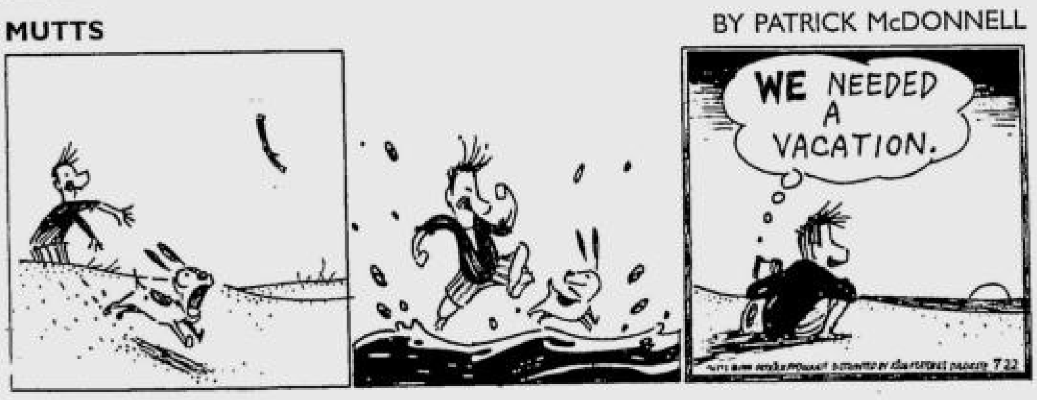
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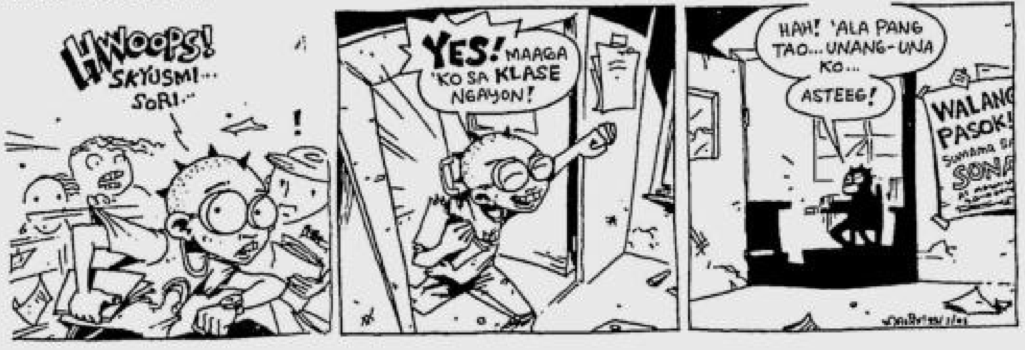
HWOOPS! SKYUSMI... SORI..
YES! MAAGA 'KO SA KLASE NGAYON!
HAH! 'ALA PANG TAO... UNANG-UNA KO...
ASTEEG!
WALANG PASOK! SUMAMA SA SONA

LOVEKNOTS
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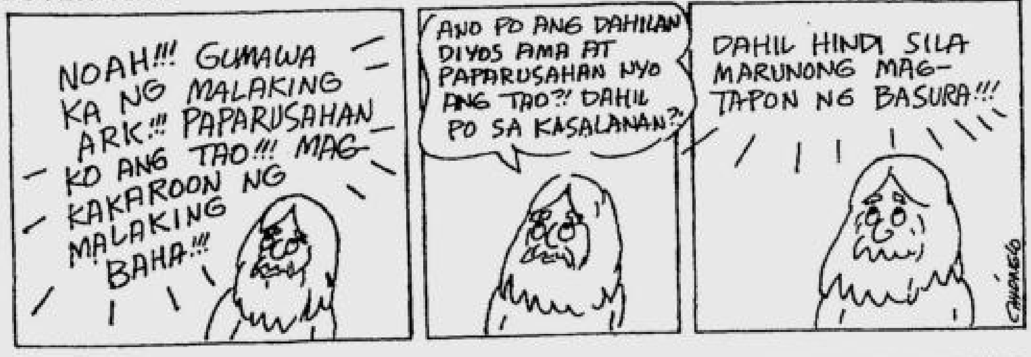
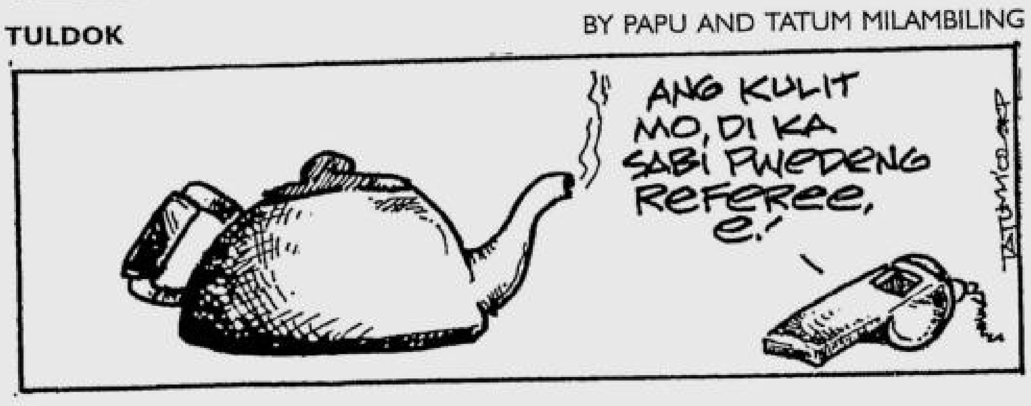

NOAH!!! GUMAWA KA NG MALAKING ARK!!! PAPARUSAHAN KO ANG TAO!!! MAGKAKAROON NG MALAKING BAHA!!!
ANO PO ANG DAHILAN DIYOS AMA AT PAPARUSAHAN NYO ANG TAO?! DAHIL PO SA KASALANAN?
DAHIL HINDI SILA MARUNONG MAGTAPON NG BASURA!!!
CHIONGLO

TULDOK
BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


ANG KULIT MO, DI KA SABI PWEDENG REFEREE, E.
TATUM

Spreading the 'Word in the Street' to help those living on the streets

By Linda B. Bolido

FR. James B. Reuter, surrounded by friends and well-wishers, blows the candles on his birthday cake during the launching of his book. The Jesuit priest celebrated his 86th birthday. Among those standing behind him are Luz Taal, Mr. and Ms Ramon Dungo, Natalie Palanca, Paolo Rivera, Laarni Enriquez, Jeanne Young, Danny Olivares, Lulu Tesoro and Myrna Borromeo.

IN AN AGE when mass media and new information technology virtually tell people who and what to believe and how to behave and act, Fr. James Bertram Reuter Jr., S.J. is the quintessential modern-day Christian evangelist.

Savvy in the use of various media—the theater, radio, television and print—he has used every forum and platform conceivable to spread the Good Word and transform centuries-old biblical messages into contemporary lessons in life, as relevant and timely as the day's newspaper headlines and as interesting as the most popular soap operas.

His book, "Word in the Street," a compilation of his columns in the weekly Philippine Graphic magazine, is the latest proof that Father Reuter, who marked his 86th birthday on May 21, has gotten down pat the art of translating often symbolic, sometimes obscure, passages from the Good Book. The Jesuit uses familiar images, readily recognizable examples, real people to link the divine with the real world, the saintly with ordinary lives, and underscore the fact that a person does not have to become a religious to live a life that adheres to Christ's teachings.

Beneficiary

But the book, which was launched on the eve of Father Reuter's birthday, aims to do more than just spread the Christian message. In keeping with a life marked by eloquent rhetoric, passionate commitment and purposeful action, Father Reuter's latest project is not simply an attempt to extend a little longer the life of what he has written.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will go into a venture he is jointly pursuing with a fellow Ramon Magsaysay Award winner, Sr. Eva Fidela Maamo, SPC, a physician-nun. Between the two of them—as well as dozens of benefactors big and small here and abroad—they have put up the Our Lady of Peace Hospital along the Coastal Road in Parañaque City, which aims to be a true medical institution for the really destitute urban people.

Earlier, the Jesuit undertook the production of a 20-minute video documentary of the lives of people living under a bridge on Pedro Gil Street in Manila's Paco district to show prospective donors who the beneficiaries of the hospital would be, and to impress upon them the urgency of the situation the hospital and its parent organization, the Foundation of Our Lady of Peace Mission Inc., were trying to address.

Indeed, Father Reuter is as well-known for his work in the media, particularly on the stage, introducing to the public such personalities like Jeanne Young, June Keithley, Mitch Valdez, Noel Trinidad, Subas Herrero, to name a few, as he is for his efforts to help Filipinos, especially those most in need.

Named an honorary Filipino through a special Senate proclamation, the American priest has done more than just translate the Bible into terms more easily understood. He has always tried to practice what he preaches, to match action with words.

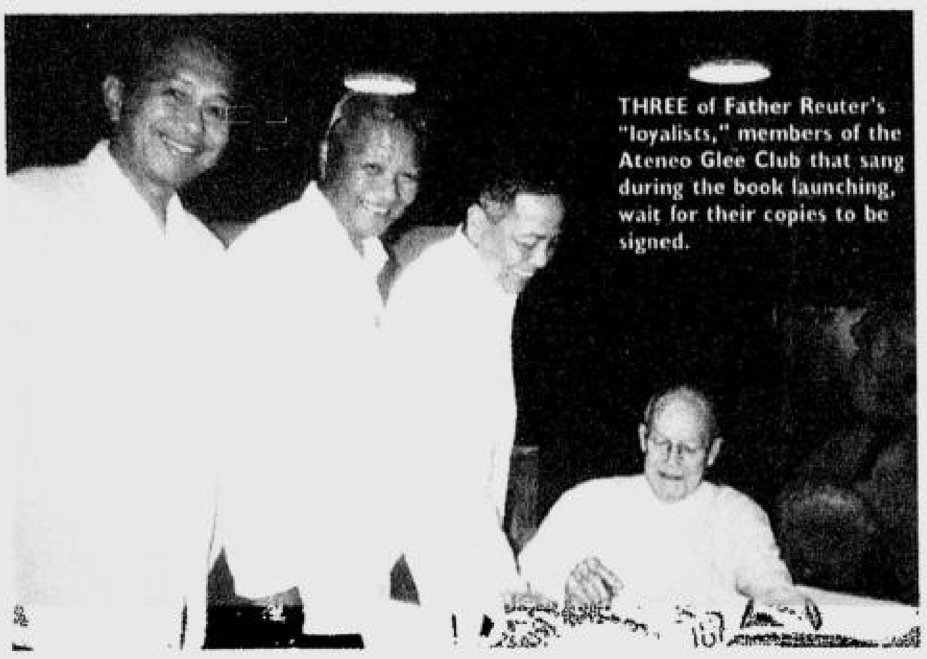
Lovable people

Father Reuter, who has lived in the Philippines for 63 years, explains his affection for the citizens of his adoptive country, "The Filipinos are the most lovable people in the world." During the book launching at the Asian Institute of Management on May 20, which was attended by, among others, Young, Trinidad, Herrero, singer Jose Mari Chan, and media personality Larry Henares (many of his wards were unable to attend, thinking the event was scheduled for his actual birthday the following day), he insisted that "this is a plain statement of fact." He quoted another priest who said one of the beautiful traits of Filipinos was that they really knew how to say "Thank you."

Father Reuter enjoyed the Filipinos' unfailing good humor even in the face of adversity. He admired their optimism despite what seemed like insurmountable odds. The INQUIRER's editor in chief Letty Jimenez Magsanoc said Father Reuter "celebrates the best there is in the Filipino and in the human race."

But as anyone who knows him personally or by reputation, if Father Reuter has found joy in Filipinos, he has returned the favor by brightening up their lives immeasurably through his stage work and inspiring them especially during their darkest hours, never wavering in his belief that they could overcome and never giving up on them, continuing until now—when others his age would be happy to be allowed to take things easy—to find ways to help ease their lives, particularly of those among them most in need.

> Father Reuter's collection of essays is not only an attempt to extend a little longer the shelf life of what he has written. It is only an attempt to help the poor



THREE of Father Reuter's "loyalists," members of the Ateneo Glee Club that sang during the book launching, wait for their copies to be signed.

New literary and lifestyle mag

OIST!, a literary/lifestyle magazine, will launch its maiden issue at the rear steps of the Manila Film Center, CCP Complex, on July 26 at 7 p.m.

At least 12 bands will perform a wide range of repertoire, ranging from reggae to jazz, alternative and hard rock. Winners of the recent CCP Short Film awards will be shown. There will also be a poetry reading by the country's top writers, as well as a mini fashion show, a dating game and a raffle draw.

Oist! is packaged as an "alternative" magazine. Multi-awarded artists, writers and professors make up its editorial board. Symbols & Metaphors, the literary section, is headed by Cirilo F. Bautista, undoubtedly one of the country's foremost poets. Palanca winner Aurora Veronika handles the performing/visual arts section, called Eksena-Skene.

At the helm of the music section, called Tone, is Quark Henares, host of NU 107's Not Radio. R. Magno Garlitos, multi-awarded poet and children's short story writer, edits G-Spot, the relationship/gender section, while FX Pasion, writer, director and head of the creative concept group of a major TV network, leads the consumer section called Wat*U*Want. The social advocacy section, Pananagutan, is edited by De La Salle University economics professor Bombit Largoza.

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UP writers workshop in Visayas-Mindanao offers fellowships

APPLICATIONS to the 41st UP National Writers Workshop are now open. The workshop, jointly sponsored by Likhaan: The UP Creative Writing Center and the UP in the Visayas, will be held Oct. 20-26 at the UP Miag-ao, Iloilo Campus.

Ten fellowships will be granted to writers in Hiligaynon, Sugbuanon, Waray, Filipino and English. Only writers based in the Visayas and Mindanao are eligible. The grants will cover board and lodging, plus a modest stipend.

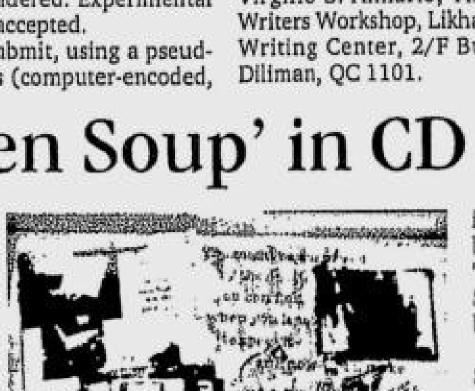
Applicants are enjoined to submit their manuscripts, consisting of either six poems, two short stories or two one-act plays. Fellowships are awarded by genre and by language, so incomplete submission in any genre or language will not be considered. Experimental literary forms are also accepted.

Applicants should submit, using a pseudonym, four hard copies (computer-encoded, double-spaced, sequentially collated) and, preferably, a computer diskette (MS Word) containing their entries. These should be accompanied by a sealed envelope with the author's real name and pseudonym therein, an application letter, a 2 x 2 ID photo, short resumé and an attestation of originality (i.e., that the entries are original works and not adapted or translated from other materials, whether local or foreign).

All entries in Hiligaynon, Sugbuanon and Waray should have corresponding English or Filipino translations. Incomplete entries will be disqualified. Fellows of previous UP workshops need not apply.

All applications must be sent to: Prof. Virgilio S. Almario, The 41st UP National Writers Workshop, Likhaan: The UP Creative Writing Center, 2/F Bulwagang Rizal, UP Diliman, QC 1101.

'Chicken Soup' in CD



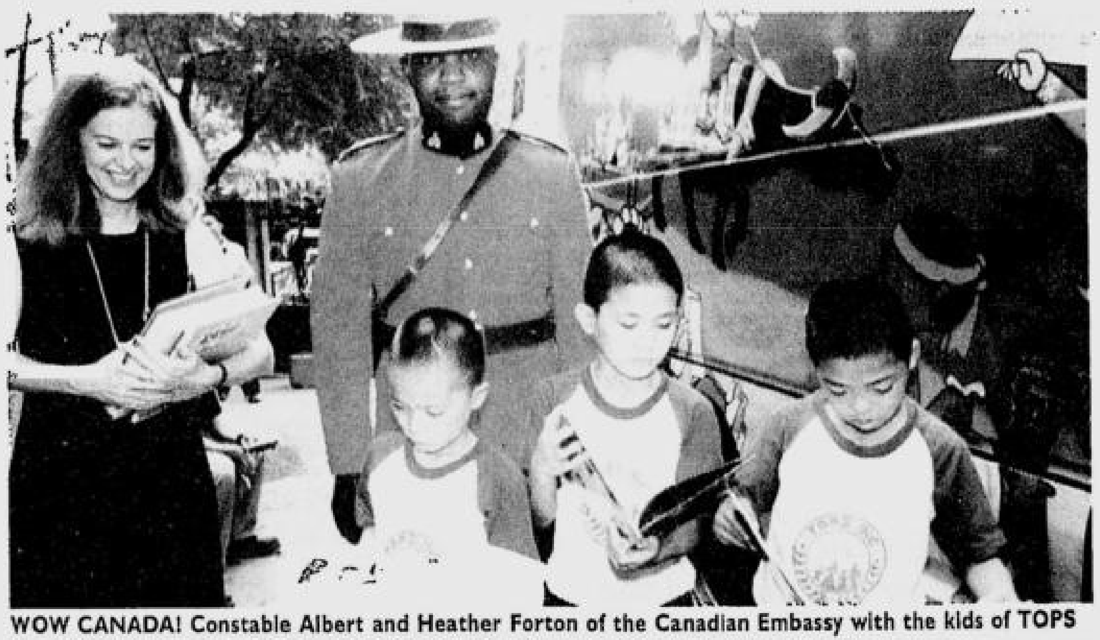
IF soothing words are music to the ears, imagine what inspirational melodies can do to the spirit.

"Chicken Soup for the Soul," the world's best-selling books by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen, is now the most soothing music you'll hear. Listen to a fine selection of timeless ballads in "Chicken Soup for the Soul Love and Inspiration CD."

Each track was carefully chosen to complement the heartwarming messages of love, friendship, encouragement and inspiration that readers have discovered in the book. Among the 13 songs featured are "Love Moves in Mysterious Ways" by Julia Fordham, "Dreaming of You" by Selena and "Hold on" by Wilson Philips.

The "Chicken Soup for the Soul Love and Inspiration CD" is a unique offering from Spectrum Music. The album will soon be available at all record bars. Listeners of 96.3 W Rock can also get a chance to win free CDs and Hallmark products by joining the promo starting August.

Chicken Soup for the Soul greeting cards, thought cards, bookmarks and other paper products are available at all National Book Store outlets nationwide.



WOW CANADA! Constable Albert and Heather Forton of the Canadian Embassy with the kids of TOPS Inc. skimming through the pages of their new books

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Bounty from a Mountie

By Alex C. Paita

Canadian cop donates books to Pinoy children

CONSTABLE Ader Albert could be just like any of the millions of police officers around the world, except that, one, he is a Mountie, and two, he visited the Tahanan Outreach Projects and Services (TOPS) Inc. in Sta. Ana, Manila, last July 1.

Constable Albert is an officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)—the Canadian national police service, and an agency of the Ministry of the Solicitor General of Canada.

The RCMP, founded in 1873, is unique in the world since it is a national, federal, provincial and municipal police body. Its members are more popularly known as the Mounted Police, or the "Mounties," since they were mounted on horsebacks during their early years of service to the "True North Strong and Free." If you've watched "Dudley Do-Right" (1999, starring Brendan Fraser), then you will have an idea of who the Mounties are.

At present the Mounties travel by car, snowmobile, boat or airplane rather than on horseback.

Constable Albert stood tall in his RCMP-trademark broad-brimmed Stetson hat, scarlet coat, yellow-lined trousers and high brown boots.

Home

TOPS Inc. is an organization catering to neglected or abandoned children, and poor kids. It provides shelter and education for some 20 children, aged between 3½ and 12 years.

The half-day activity was organized by the Canadian embassy to promote Canadian culture, of which the Mounties are an important symbol, as well as to provide complementary education to TOPS and other children through a book donation to the Museo Pambata Mobile Library.

Food for innocent eyes

The Museo Pambata Mobile Library is a program of the Museo Pambata Foundation Inc. for the poor children and out-of-school youth of Manila. The six-wheeler roving library has over 3,000 books and other learning materials.

"We're giving 17 books, all written by famous Canadian authors," said Constable Albert. "Most [of the books] are about the culture and art of Canada, plus a few good stories for kids."

Among the books were: "Wow Canada," a coast-to-coast guide to Canada, by Vivien Bowers; "Munschworks," by Robert N. Munsch, a five-series compilation of 30 children's stories; and "Canadian Art."

The grateful kids leafed through the pages the moment they got the books in their hands.

'Stay out of trouble!'

The portly, friendly Constable Albert talked to the kids about Canadian culture and his experiences as a Mountie. An aide stood by him and translated his messages into Filipino.

"If you want to be a Mountie, you have to undergo six months of training, but before that, you have to put three important things in mind," he told the kids. "First, you must stay in school, learn and read a lot of books. Second, you must eat healthy food and stay fit. And third, you must stay out of trouble!"

The kids were so behaved they didn't even bother to ask what his uniform was for. The Mountie had to bring it up by himself.

"This red uniform is like the color of the Canadian flag, while this yellow-striped blue pants have this thing we call 'bridges,' and this steel behind my boots are called 'spurs,' " he said. "They are used for riding horses."

Constable Albert was almost like Santa Claus, dressed in red and bearing gifts, except that he was six months too early for Christmas.

If Constable Albert had thought he alone had something to offer, then he was wrong. The kids had prepared something for him, too. As their expression of gratitude to the Mountie, the kids rendered a choreographed song performance of "Yesterday's Dream."

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo receives from Jose R. Rodriguez, president of Academia Filipina de la Lengua Española, the official diploma representing her corresponding membership in the Real Academia Española, the Royal Academy of the Spanish Language in Madrid, Spain. The academy Filipina is one of the oldest among the prestigious cultural institutions in the Philippines. It was founded in 1924 by a group of intellectuals and scholars that included Epifanio de los Santos, Claro M. Recto, Fernando Maria Guerrero and Enrique Zobel de Ayala. Prominent members of the Academia Filipina are Jaime Cardinal Sin and former Education Secretary Alejandro Roces.

FRENCH Ambassador Renee Veyret, NHI chair Ambeth Ocampo and Anton Juan

EGYPTIAN Ambassador Ahmed and Mme. Mervat Rezk with Belgian Ambassador Roland and Sylvia Van Remoortele

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Egyptian parting, French gratitude, and Indian visual delight

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

THE EGYPTIAN embassy is due for a change with Ambassador **Ahmed** and Mme. **Mervat Rezk** leaving for home.

Other changes are afoot in the diplomatic corps with Belgian Ambassador **Roland** and **Sylvia Van Remoortele** and Russian Ambassador **Anatoli** and **Valentina Khmelnitski** also departing from our shores. So expect a month of fond but sad farewells.

At the Rezks' farewell, the Egyptian residence was filled to the brim. Present were Mexican Ambassador **Enrique** and Mme. **Mariana Hubbard**, Singapore Ambassador **Jacky** and Dr. **Fumian Foo**, Ambassador and Ms Van Remoortele, Ambassador **Enrique** and **Letty Syquia**, US Ambassador **Francis** and Dr. **Marie Ricciardone**, Netherlands Ambassador **Theo Arnold** and the ultra-chic Mme. **Kessara**, Ambassador and Ms Khmelnitski, Peruvian Ambassador **Jorge Chavez Soto**, business and management guru **Washington Sycip**, Consul **Evie Costa**, **Nena** and **Al Casimiro**, **Nelly Bengson** and Mme. **Narda Camacho**.

The Middle Eastern buffet had everyone going back for seconds, what with the roasted eggplant dip, hummus, kebabs, spicy meatballs with yogurt dip, and of course, baklava and almond cakes.

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French Ambassador **Renee Veyret** very graciously hosted a lunch for the press at the embassy residence July 5, to thank journalists for helping generate publicity for the annual French Spring in Manila. We in the press should have been the ones thanking her for the celebration, in fact.

Enjoying the quiche and roast chicken was National Historical Institute chair **Ambeth Ocampo**, who is swamped with complaints from people trying to save historic buildings like the Manila Hotel.

We met the new chair of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board, **Marilen Dinglasan**. Also present were **Beth Day Romulo**, **Baby Orosa**, director **Anton Juan**, columnist **Glenn Gale** (whose lips are more sealed than **Maurice**'s), **Nestor Jardin** of CCP and **Rod Dula**.

On hand to make everyone feel at home were **Martin Makalintal**, counselor **Benedicte Meyssan**, cultural attaché **Franck Hebert** and cultural counselor **Loic Daniel**.

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The Indian community of the Asian Development Bank turned out in force to give a big hand to Indian artists **Rita Kapada** and **Gina Narayan** at the opening of their exhibit in Le Soufflé at Ortigas Center. The show, "Vasquez Remembered," consisted of portraits, still lifes and landscapes in oil and pastel.

Indian Ambassador **Navrekha Sharma** was the guest of honor; she came with daughter **Jayacri**, who was here on vacation.

The billowing saris competed with the beautiful works of art

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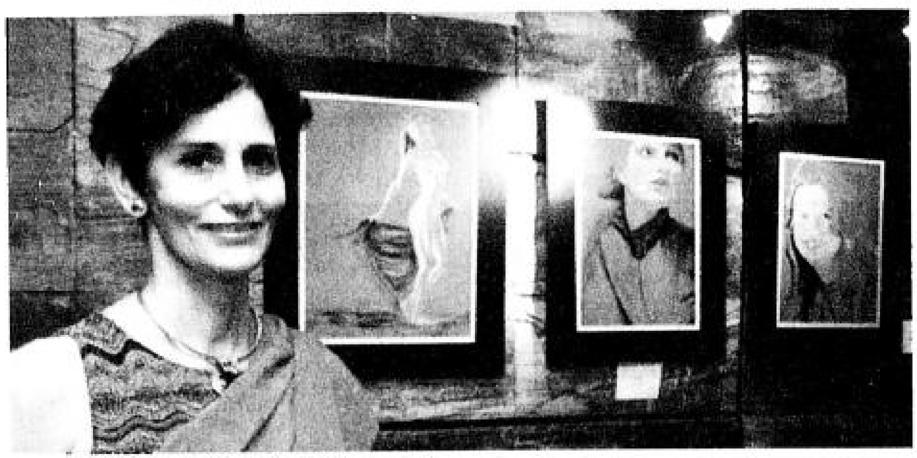
Assumption Class 19__ (on second thought, never mind). Anyway, some 27 stalwarts polled their senior citizen's cards together and had a delightful, if somewhat noisy, lunch at the new Italianni's in honor of visiting classmate **Rosalie Duran Fardon** (no, it's not the Kapampangan pronunciation; it really is Fardon) and on the occasion of **Carmen Peypoch Reyes**' birthday.

Special thanks to **Vicky Paraiso Cruz** for organizing the reunion, getting Italianni's waiters to sing "Happy Birthday" (much to Carmen's embarrassment), and arranging for a special birthday cake. Everyone took pictures left, right and center, delighted to see long-lost classmates **Teresita Arroyo**, **Marilou Mirasol**, **Lilia Icasiano** and **Clementina Chan**.

Our apologies to Sally Marshall whose name was inadvertently published as "Mary" last Monday.



INDIAN artist Rita Kapada with her works

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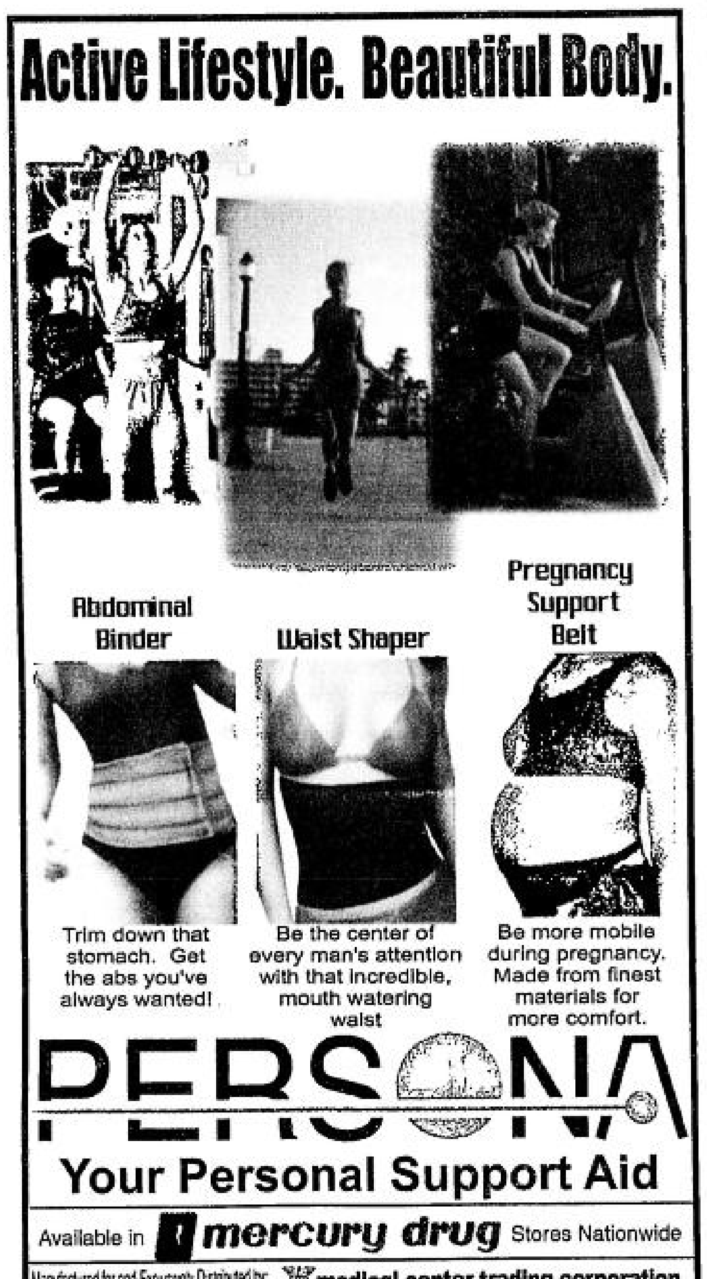

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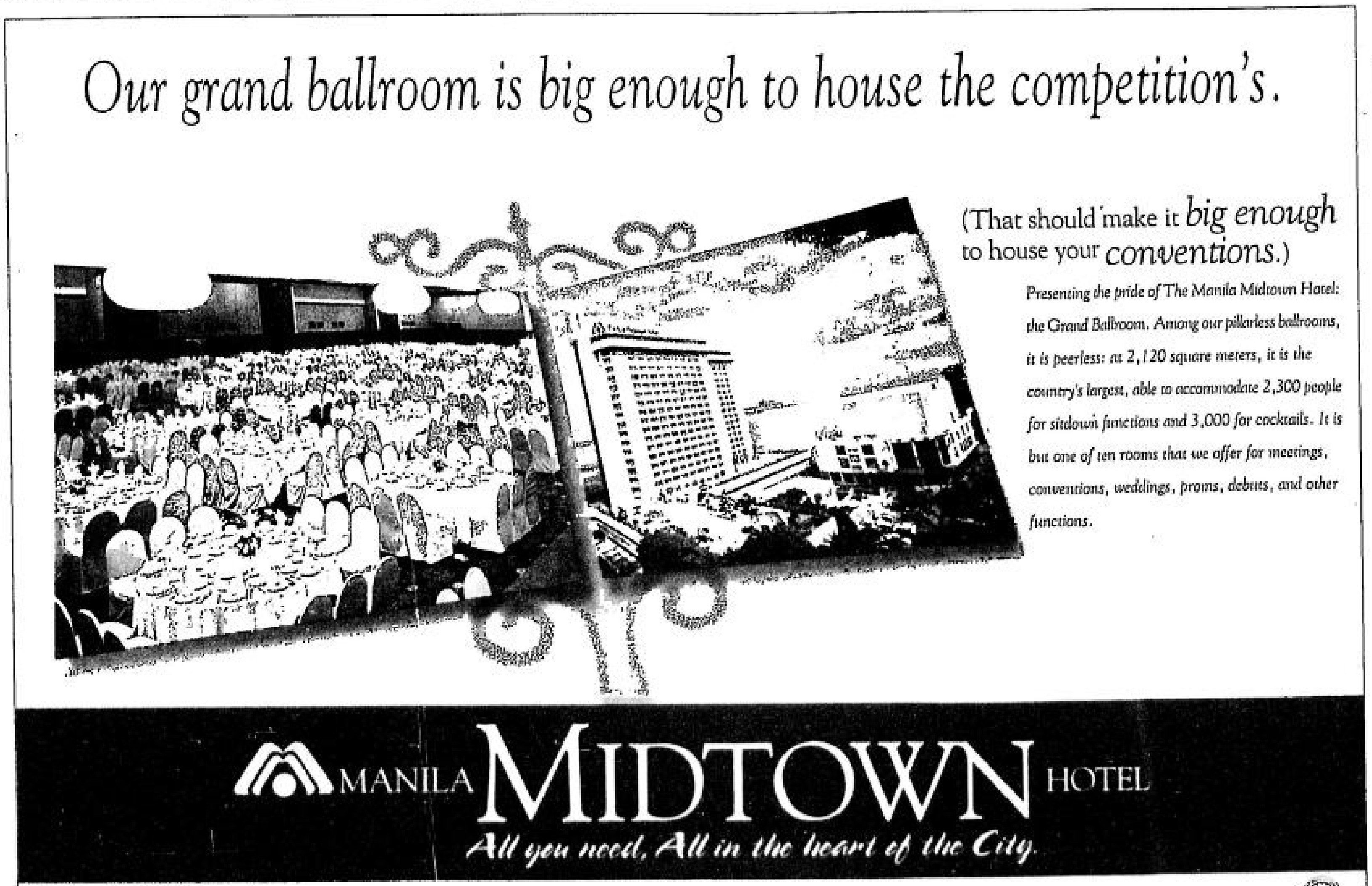

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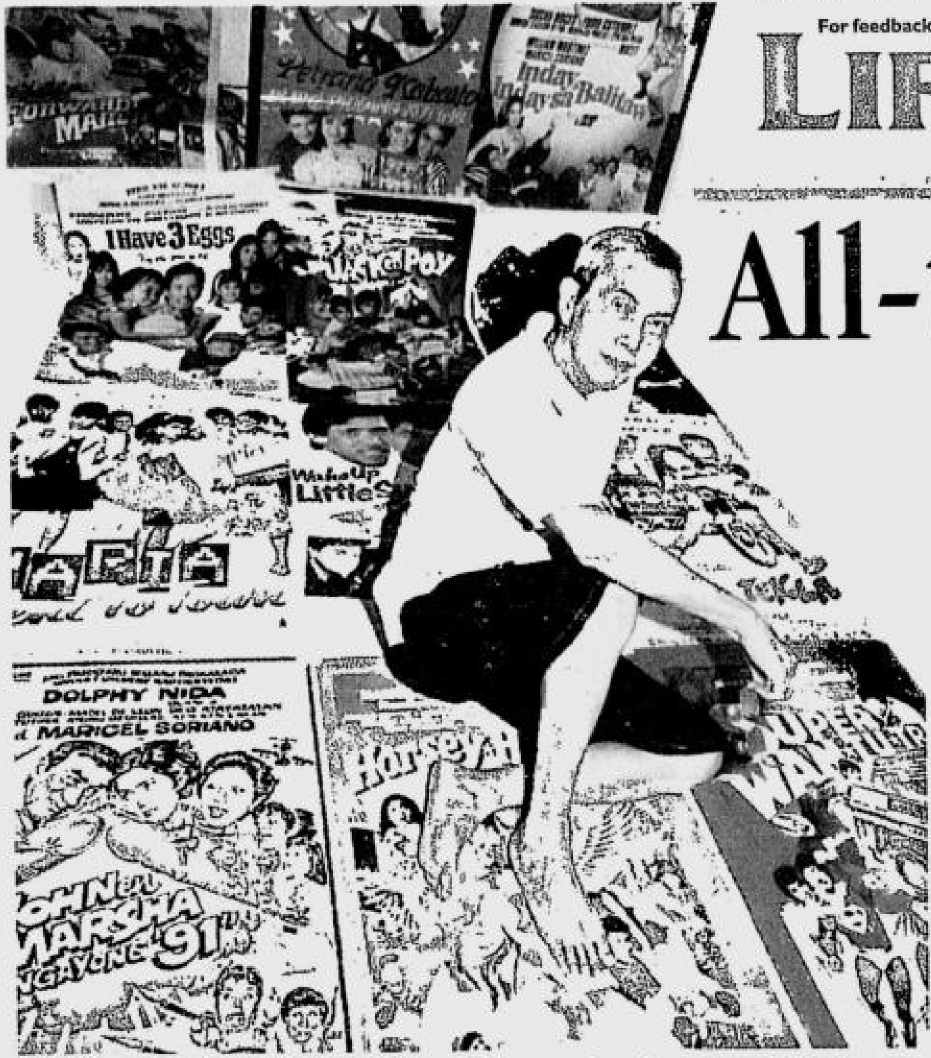

GOLD MINE. Director Luciano Carlos sits on posters of movies that made him box-office emperor.

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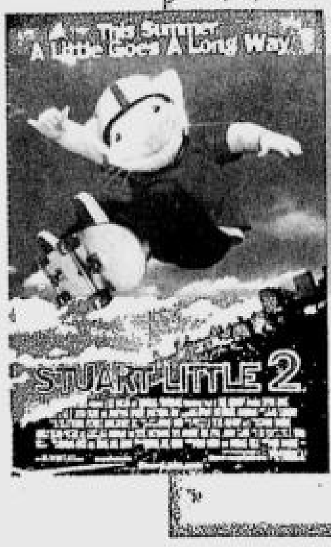
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THE BROCKAS and the Bernals may have won all the Famases and Urian, but when it comes to the number of box-office hits made and the amount of money deposited in Mother Lily's bank account, someone has yet to inherit the crown from Luciano "Chaning" Carlos.

Box-office legend Dolphy has his unlucky days at the tills; same with the other king, Fernando Poe Jr. Compared with this two, Tatay Chaning, as he is called by the Maricel Sorianos and the Roderick Paulates of the movie world, has inarguably the most consistently strong box-office performance.

The lines leading to the *takilya* in movie houses where his films are shown are not straight; they're usually in the form of an S, otherwise they will stretch to the streets.

But Carlos, less than a decade ago, has said goodbye to all that. He has quietly declared his retirement from directing after making a short but unsuccessful comeback in the mid-90s in a "Bernie's Weekend"-inspired film, "Wanted: Batabatuta," headlined by then child actor Vandolph. In 1996, Premiere begged him to helm another. And since it was Cirio Santiago, a friend and the producer of a number of his films in the '70s, doing the begging, Chaning said yes. The film was "Nagmumurang Kamatis," the only Premiere movie which made money after its much-hyped return.

"There is a time like that, *parang*, when you're cooking, *masarap luto mo ngayon kaya maraming bumibili*," he explains, sitting on a leather sofa in his humble apartment, white hair neatly trimmed, wearing a sunny yellow shirt and looking every inch the picture of a healthy old man at 76. "But there will come a time *na para bang* it's time for you to rethink what you should do, what outlet, what future you will have for yourself.

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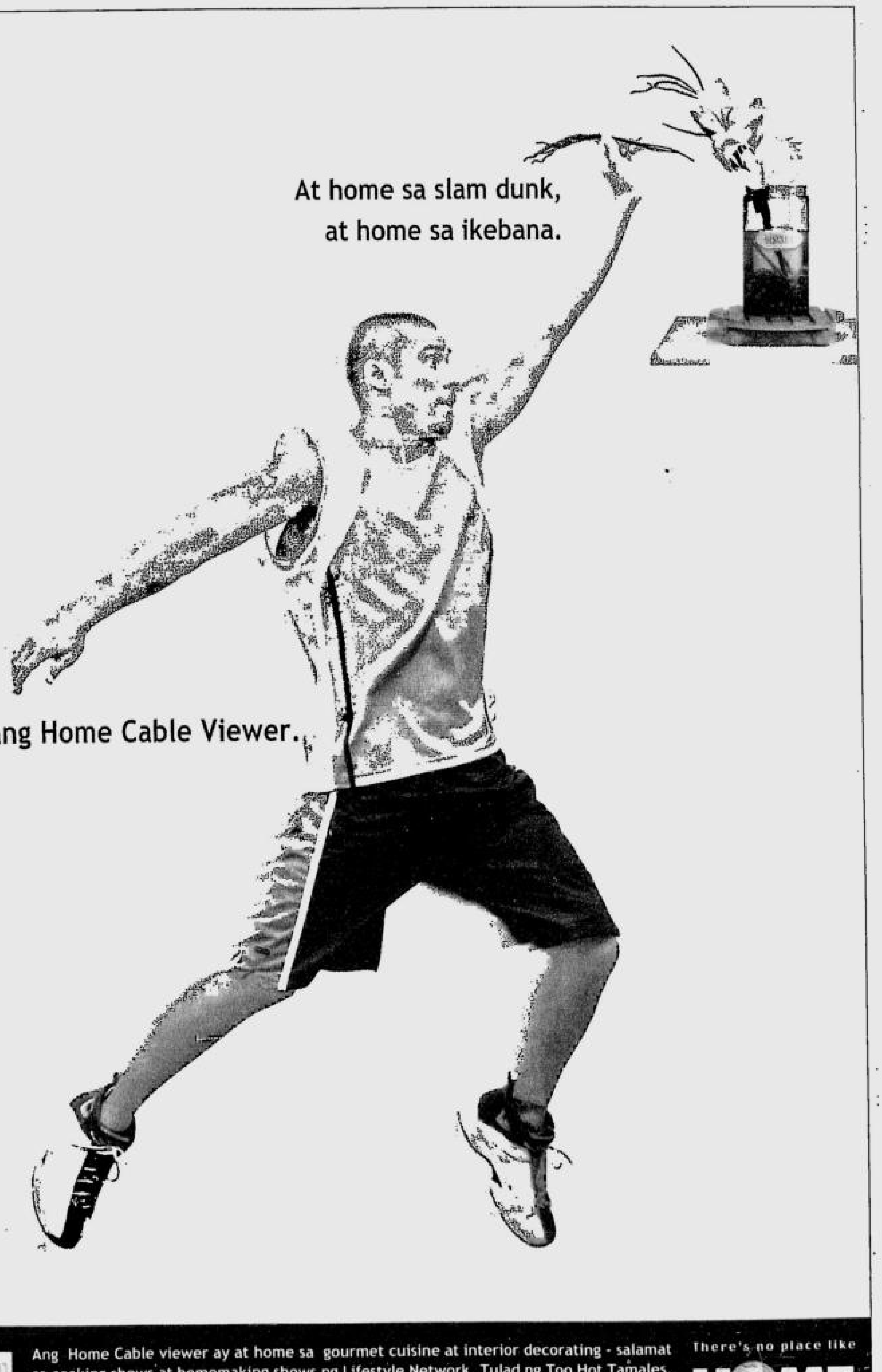

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Luciano 'Chaning' Carlos has made the funniest movies and posted the most consistent box-office record in four decades. A retrospective of his hits is expected to relive his glory days

From page E1

Sabi ko, tutal matanda na naman ako, all my children have finished college and have lives of their own, *ayan na*, I'll just take care of my *apos*."

While the twentysomething may only know of him as the director of one too many a Regal Films production that involved flying cars ("Ride On Balitaw," 1988, with Soriano, and introducing the child star Matet), kids that lay the golden egg ("Super Inday and the Magic Bibe," 1989, with Soriano again, this time with Aiza Seguerra), and Roderick Paulate morphing into a horse ("Petrang Kabayo at ang Pilyang Kuting," 1988, with Paulate and Seguerra), Carlos has been in the business of making movies for nearly 50 years now. Next month, the current crop of moviegoers, or at least local cinema, will be able to see the director's surviving ouvres return to the big screen via a retrospective of his works.

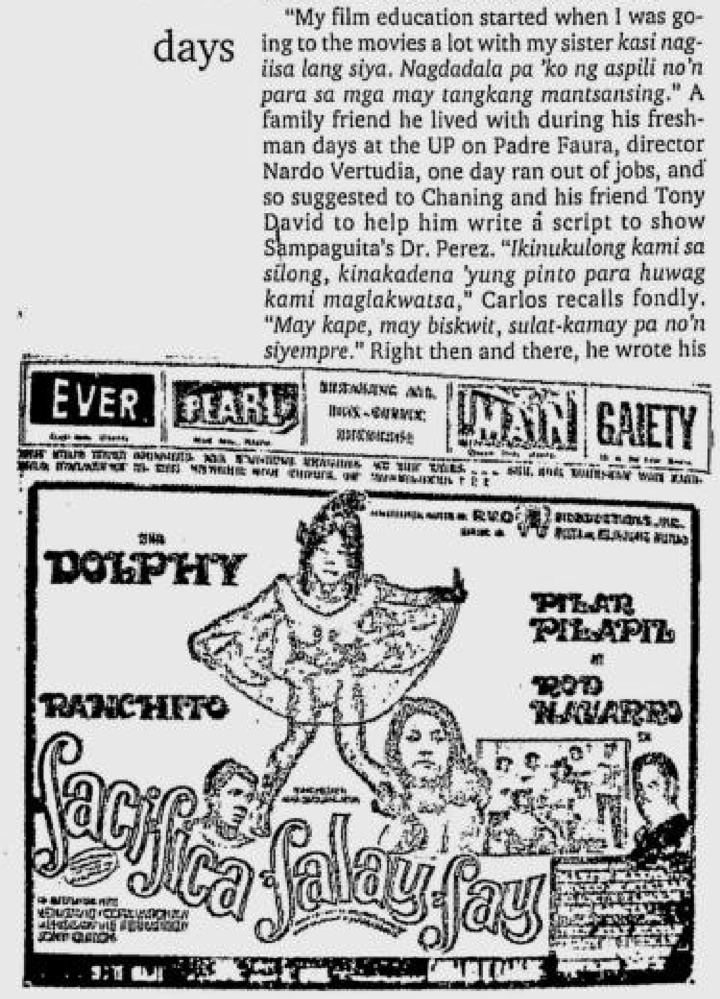
If he is looking forward to this tribute being put together by one of his nephews, Rahyan Carlos, it is hard to tell. Today, he seems more excited playing with his two-year-old grandchild, the scene we caught when we entered the gate of the Carlos compound on Fifth Street, Cubao. He lets Rahyan, a young scriptwriter, brief us about the retrospective. The retired director just watches his nephew with a contented smile.

Unrecognized

Apart from box-office approval, Carlos' long career has been short on recognition—the kind that are associated with such "namedroppables" as Lino Brocka (whose script "Arizona Kid" Chaning directed) and Eddie Romero (director of "Ang Asawa Kong Amerikana," a Carlos script; the movie brought an entire moviehouse of Japanese cineastes rolling with laughter when it was shown in Japan for the Asian Film Festival in 1954; it won the award for best screenplay). Except for passing references in movie history and criticism books, and the sole trophy he won in a local awards-giving body—the Famas Best Screenplay for "Bato-bato sa Langit" (1975), the first project that starred Nora Aunor with Christopher de Leon—very little recognition has come his way.

Never mind that. Carlos, even in the late '50s, his early years as a scriptwriter under Sampaguita Pictures, knew what gave him the most exhilaration: the box-office hit.

"My film education started when I was going to the movies a lot with my sister *kasi nag-iisa lang siya. Nagdadala pa 'ko ng aspili no'n para sa mga may tangkang mantsansing.*" A family friend he lived with during his freshman days at the UP on Padre Faura, director Nardo Vertudia, one day ran out of jobs, and so suggested to Chaning and his friend Tony David to help him write a script to show Sampaguita's Dr. Perez. "*Ikinukulong kami sa silong, kinakadena 'yung pinto para huwag kami maglakwatsa,*" Carlos recalls fondly. "*May kape, may biskwit, sulat-kamay pa no'n siyempre.*" Right then and there, he wrote his first synopsis and his first script.



Vertudia brought it to Sampaguita and Dr. Perez ordered the shooting to start soon after. The film was "Huling Patak ng Dugo." It became a hit.

When Chaning first came to Perez's house to meet the old man, he was greeted by six huge dogs, so he had to be fetched from the gate by the gardener. Upon introduction to his producer, "*Tingingan niya lang ako,*" says Carlos. "And then he asked me if I was ready to write a script alone. *Ako naman*, I never say no."

Except perhaps to story concepts that don't excite him. At 22, he was known as the Dean of Scriptwriters. All of his scripts became blockbusters. He was Sampaguita's barometer. If he fancied a story submitted to Dr. Perez by another writer, the film outfit would bankroll it.

After only five years as a writer, the Vera-Perezes were already asking him to direct. Again, he didn't say no. His debut as helmsman was in 1964 via the Eddie Gutierrez-Susan Roces musical comedy, "Eddie Loves Suzie." The same year, he directed Carmen Rosales in "Binibiro Lamang Kita."

"Can you imagine, after many, many years, I will be directing Carmen Rosales? And there was a time I was even her *alalay*!" Carlos recalls. It was during the late '40s, he was not even a scriptwriter yet, when he would hang around with Vertudia in shoots as his "alalay," carrying the latter's water and towel. One day, on the set of the Rosales-starrer "Gerilyera" under Vertudia, the director gave him all of Mameng's belongings to carry. Oh, how he loved the scent of her clothes.

Staple

He was only able to direct Rosales once, but movie queens were a staple in Chaning Carlos movies—from Gloria Romero, Lolita Rodriguez, Amalia Fuentes and Nida Blanca in the '60s, to Pilar Pilapil, Elizabeth Oropesa, Vilma Santos and Alma Moreno in the '70s, and to Maricel Soriano in the '80s.

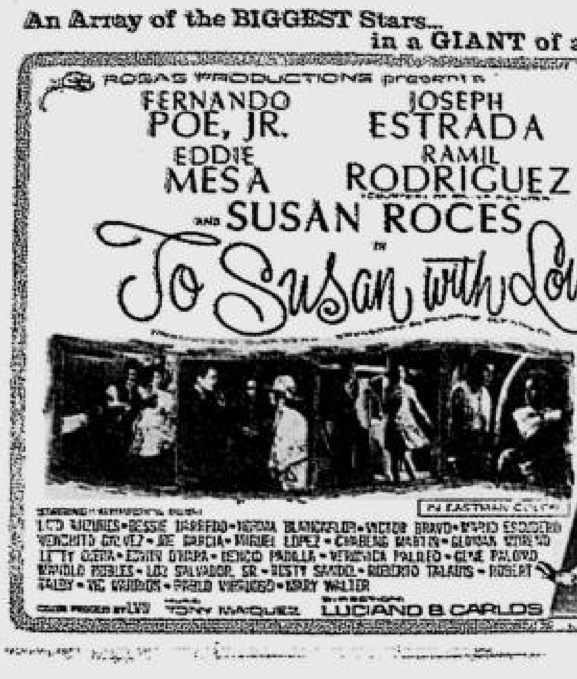
Then, of course, there was the king, Dolphy. Chaning directed "Buhay Artista" in 1967, the first venture of Dolphy's RVQ Productions. "*Nu'ng nakilala ko si* Dolphy, *dun lumabas* that I really have a knack for comedy," says Chaning. He did 24 films with the Comedy King, including the classic "Facifica Falayfay" and the "John and Marsha" series.

Theirs was the tandem to beat. Sometimes Dolphy would suggest a scene from a movie, or a real-life situation, and then would ask his partner to flesh out the story. Chaning's comedies, unlike most of the ones that turn up in recent years, have always been situational. "The comedies today are mostly based on gags. *Hindi ako gaanong natatawa.*"

RVQ's "Up, up and Away" (1970), shot in Rome after the tandem finished working on "El Pinoy Matador" in Spain for Premiere Productions, was born after Dolphy suggested a scene he saw from a Chaplin movie. It was about a man who accidentally drops a coin in a roulette table, and his coins just keep on winning. Left alone to think about how to make it into a story, Chaning went to five churches to pray for ideas. Finally, he ended up being conned by a Frenchman who took him to a girly bar and made him pay for two bottles of champagne and cigarettes that he didn't order. He was brought to a room upstairs for questioning. Chaning told them he could get money from the hotel where he was staying, and so, was chauffeured to the hotel. After giving the driver $20, Chaning never looked back. Nida Blanca and Ricky Belmonte would arrive in a few days and when they did, they already had a script to shoot.

Back in Manila, Cirio Santiago whispered to his director during the premiere of "El Pinoy Matador," "*Nakakakahiya itong pelikulang ginawa natin,*" Chaning could only agree. But it raked in a lot of money, and so did "Up, Up and Away."

"The sad thing *naman nang mawili naman ako sa* box-office, *pag hindi kumikita yung pelikula, sumasama naman ang loob ko,*" Carlos says, "*Nade*-depress *ako, isip ako nang isip, 'Bakit kaya gano'n?' Parang hindi ako mapakali. Parang nawawalan ako ng* initiative to go on. 'I think my luck has stopped.'"



"Darna Kuno," released in 1980, ushered in a string of flops for Dolphy. Those were bad days not just for the comedy king but for local films. The influx of big Hollywood releases was killing the Filipino movie industry.

Carlos went into a hiatus from 1979 to 1982. But in 1983, like a volcano waking up from slumber, the Chaning and Dolphy partnership under RVQ would surprise everyone with the first Filipino blockbuster in two years, "Daddy Knows Best," a comedy-drama inspired by the director's personal domestic drama involving his kids. Chaning has six children and the movie version had six girls—Soriano, Snooky, Janice de Belen, among them—with Dolphy playing daddy.

"*Nainggit naman si* Mother (Lily, of Regal)," recalls Chaning. "'*Kailangan gawa tayo pelikula,' sabi niya. Ako naman, 'O sige, ano? Ano?'* She said, 'Daddy's Little Darlings!'"

Downturn

Shortly after, the movie industry would experience a downturn again because of the dark political climate that followed the assassination of Benigno Aquino Jr. But even before the Edsa Revolution could happen, guess what would save the day again for the local film business? A Chaning Carlos flick.

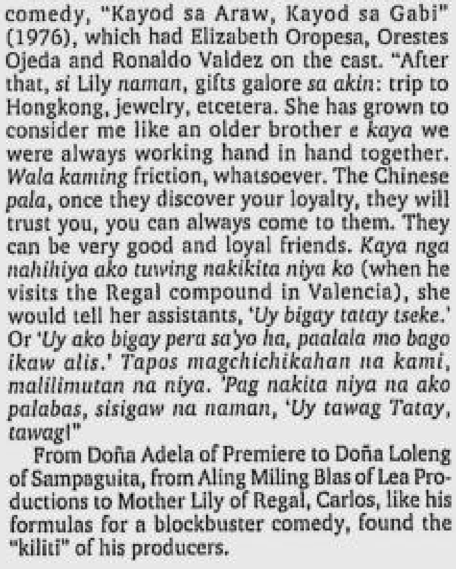
"Ride on Baby" was the first big hit in two years, and it had Regal's "Underage" girls, Soriano, Snooky and Dina Bonnevie, being rescued by Tito, Vic and Joey via a flying car.

"*Kaya meron tayo* Regal, *dahil sa taong ito,*" Mother would say during special company functions where she would invite all the theater bookers from Luzon to Mindanao. He was her first director. She had asked from bookers who they think was the director who had made the most box-office hits. Chaning's name came up, along with two others. When she brought these three names to her three *manghuhulas*, it was Chaning's name that they always picked as auspicious.

"*Ang* first encounter *ko sa kanya galing pa siya sa* hepatitis," recalls the director. "*Susmaryosep, tumakas sa ospital. Tatlong araw na daw siya sa ospital*, and then we shook hands."

Their first movie was the blockbuster sex comedy, "Kayod sa Araw, Kayod sa Gabi" (1976), which had Elizabeth Oropesa, Orestes Ojeda and Ronaldo Valdez on the cast. "After that, *si* Lily *naman*, gifts galore *sa akin*: trip to Hongkong, jewelry, etcetera. She has grown to consider me like an older brother *e kaya* we were always working hand in hand together. *Wala kaming* friction, whatsoever. The Chinese *pala*, once they discover your loyalty, they will trust you, you can always come to them. They can be very good and loyal friends. *Kaya nga nahihiya ako tuwing nakikita niya ko* (when he visits the Regal compound in Valencia), she would tell her assistants, '*Uy bigay tatay tseke.*' Or '*Uy ako bigay pera sa'yo ha, paalala mo bago ikaw alis.' Tapos magchichikahan na kami, malilimutan na niya. 'Pag nakita niya na ako palabas, sisigaw na naman, 'Uy tawag Tatay, tawag!*'"

From Doña Adela of Premiere to Doña Loleng of Sampaguita, from Aling Miling Blas of Lea Productions to Mother Lily of Regal, Carlos, like his formulas for a blockbuster comedy, found the "kiliti" of his producers.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"*Pag ikaw wala na pera,*" Mother told him, "*uwi ikaw dito sa akin, dito ikaw tira.*"

'Sunshine'

"*Tingnan mo siya, hindi ba para talaga siyang* sunshine," he remembers Nida Blanca saying. "*Ang tawag nila sa akin* 'Sunshine' because when I enter a room *daw*, I spread cheers and laughter."

Perhaps because as the youngest child, he was never made to cry; he was a menopause baby who was doted on by his grandfather. His family never quarreled; nobody cursed or shouted.

Perhaps because the big tragedies in his family happened when he was very young. His father, a violinist, died when he was 9. Before that, his eldest brother died of typhoid, and his eldest sister died of pneumonia. Shortly after, his grandfather passed away.

Even when he was working 69 hours straight, Chaning would still have the energy to laugh. Like Bernal, his style of directing actors would be to act it out first and his stars to imitate. "*Sina* Maricel *tsaka si* Roderick, absorb *lang yan nang* absorb. *Tapos pag ginagawa na nila, ako naman ang tawa nang tawa.*" That's why before a scene was shot he would retreat to, say, a toilet, and shout "Action!" from there. There, while controlling his giggles, he would listen until the last line was said, and would shout, "Cut!" "*Kaya naisip ko*, comedy is really for me."

While he did melodramas, it was his comedies that endeared him to producers and moviegoers alike. And he has done them all—from the musical comedies in the sedate '60s ("Jamboree '66," "Happy Together," "Las Vegas Ago-go"), to the double entendre titles in the Martial Law days of the '70s ("Kayod sa Araw..." which was originally "Labas Pasok") to the fantasy comedies of the chaotic '80s ("Inday Bote," "Super Wantutri," "Maria Went To Town").

Hardworking

There was no other director who worked as hard as Chaning Carlos. And no one was as prolific as him. In the year 1975 alone, he made seven movies, and in 1966, made nine. "*May mga panahong mga tatlong* producers *'yung nakapila* sa shooting, *naghihintay lang sa* go-signal *ko kung gagawin ko 'yung pelikula nila. Para ba 'kong imbudo*, they were just forcing it to me and I just kept digesting." When he could not handle the work of writer cum director anymore, he hired writers to work for him. One of them was Jose Javier Reyes, who would outdo Chaning in speedwriting a script.

The retired director's recent jobs, however, have brought him in front of the camera. Carlos was the hearing-impaired grandfather in the recently defunct "Attagirl" (directed by Reyes), and the *lolo* who saw his *apo* hang himself from the ceiling in "Scorpio Nights 2." He was unforgettable as the bedridden friend of Dolphy's character in "Markova, Comfort Gay."

His movies may have made Mother Lily a multimillionaire, but Chaning is nowhere near that. Even at his peak, he was hesitant to name his price. He says he is "gullible" according to numerology. He was giving and lending money left and right, to friends, to family. "*Hindi man lang ako nakabili ng lote,*" he says.

Not that the old man loses sleep because of such things. After all, he can always come home to Mother Lily.

"My movie life has been very, very colorful; very, very satisfying; very, very fulfilling. *Kasi* I was able to accomplish what I wanted to do; I was able to travel around the world for free, meet so many people, hobnob with the rich and the famous and the lowly."

He knew he was an entertainer and that movies are for entertainment. In the end, awards or no awards, tribute or no tribute, Chaning Carlos knows what his legacy is. Or at least how he wants his name to be remembered. "As a good comedy director," he says. "That I made people laugh."

The Luciano Carlos retrospective will run at the UP Film Center on Aug 1-20

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Poetic minstrelsy and Levi Celerio

UST pays tribute to the late National Artist with an academic lecture and a flawless performance by the Mabuhay Singers

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor

LEVI Celerio, National Artist for Music and Literature, is a lyricist par excellence. His name has become a byword in Philippine music, owing primarily to his prolific lyric writing set to music by many of the country's top composers. He was said to have written 4,000 songs in all. Name any familiar Tagalog song and chances are the phenomenal Mang Levi wrote its lyrics.

Among the songs whose lyrics he wrote were by five National Artists in music: "Hatinggabi" by Antonio Molina, "Sa Ugoy ng Duyan" by Lucio San Pedro, "Pandanggo sa Ilaw" by Antonino Buenaventura, "Pasko Na Naman" by Felipe de Leon Sr. and "Gaano Ko Ikaw Kamahal" by Ernani Cuenco. He also wrote the memorable lyrics of "Saan Ka Man Naroroon" by Restie Umali and "Dahil Sa Isang Bulaklak" by Leopoldo Silos.

Recently, Mang Levi was the subject of a unique lecture sponsored by the Center for Creative Writing and Studies (CCWS) of the University of Santo Tomas. The lecture was unique because, first, it was probably the first time that a major writing center paid tribute to the literary talent of a popular musician. Second, it was the first time that a lecture on the literary merits of a lyricist was complemented by a musical performance by no less than the Mabuhay Singers.

Michael M. Coroza, winner of several Palanca awards, gave the lecture. An instructor at Ateneo de Manila University's School of Humanities, Coroza is also lecturer at the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters and junior associate of the CCWS.

In his paper, "Ang Awit Bilang Tula: Si Levi Celerio Bilang Makata," Coroza explained the indigenous poetic tradition that underpinned Mang Levi's poetics. He said that Mang Levi's sobriquet as the "Poet of Philippine Song" would be meaningless without a proper understanding of the text and context of his lyrics.

At the outset, Coroza quoted Dr. Bienvenido Lumbera: "... the difference between a poem and the text of a song must have been very slight, if a distinction was made at all. It is likely that the Tagalogs classified their songs according to melody and occasion, so that texts, when found without music, could pass for poetry."

The native poetic tradition is didactic and utilitarian. The poet has the moral obligation to uphold the truth; he must enshrine beliefs and values. A poem is kept simple to ensure easy understanding and memorization, and to hasten its transmission to the next generation. Mono-rhyming is employed to allow the listeners to readily follow what the poem conveys. The repetition of a single sound in several lines "alerts the mind to the unity of the lines."

Even imagery has to be employed simply. To ensure that the listener grasps the poem's message, poetic images must be drawn from the everyday life. In fact, even "rhetorical ornaments" have to be minimized, "lest they impede the transfer of theme or sentiment."

Potent shield

During the American Occupation, the literati considered the poetic canon of Francisco Balagtas as a potent shield against Americanization. The valorization of the village culture, symbolized by Balagtas' rhetoric, was conceived as a towering pillar of national pride and a mighty fortress against foreign cultural intrusion. It speaks of the purity of Philippine culture so gloriously enshrined in the proclamation of independence in 1898. Coroza credited Virgilio Almario for this concept.

Thus the art of *balagtasan*, or poetic joust, became a supreme endeavor during the American regime. The poets of the period breathed and echoed the spirit of Balagtas. In music, the immortalization of the pristine village culture gave way to the use of folk themes and rhythms in musical compositions by leading composers such as Nicanor Abelardo, Francisco Santiago and others. Folk musical forms such as the *kundiman*, *danza* and *balitaw* were used; they were even stylized or "academized" not only to keep the nationalist fervor burning, but also to make them comparable to the Western art songs.

One of the outstanding poets of this period was Jose Corazon de Jesus ("Huseng Batute"), who was hailed the "King of Balagtasan." Because of his immense popularity, composers sought him out to write lyrics for their songs. He inspired Mang Levi tremendously, then a budding lyricist and musician. Coroza quoted Mang Levi as saying: "I was Corazon's great fan; I would go where I would hear him best in *balagtasan*." In fact, Mang Levi, said Coroza, directly lifted from De Jesus. He cited Mang Levi's "Lulubog Lilitaw," which was copied from de Jesus' "Ang Bato."

Moral order

Mang Levi wrote lyrics that upheld the didactic function of folk poetry. Like the other poets of the period, he considered poetry as a vehicle for establishing a moral order. Coroza quoted him: "Filipinos must be able to educate, energize the young—through the songs the people sing." It is in this light that one appreciates his changing of the lyrics of the folk song "Magtanim ay Di Biro" from a description of pastoral hardship to one of agrarian pride and optimism: "Kung tayo'y magtatanim/ Dadami ang pagkain/ Giginhawa ang buhay/ Yayaman itong bayan." He performed the same strategy in writing the lyrics of the folk dance "Maglalatik," paying tribute to the dignity of labor of coconut farmers: "Kahit maglalatik lamang/ Kay ganda ng mga hakbang/ Sa ingay ng balat ng niyog/ May himig na tinutugtog./ Kahit maglalatik lamang/ Huwag mong mamatahing tunay/ Pagkat sa kanilang bayan/ Sa niyog lang ay yumayaman."

In another yet brilliant analysis of "May Ibong Kakanta-kanta," Coroza pointed out Mang Levi's use of repetition such as "*kakanta-kanta*," "*tamis-tamis*" and "*kabit-kabit*," which are meant to hold captive the listeners.

May ibong kakanta-kanta sa sanga ng punong mangga,
ang awit kay tamis-tamis ang tunog kay saya-saya
sa himig na kabit-kabit ang diwa ay mahalaga,
ang buhay mo raw giginhawa rin kung masipag ka.

Ang ibong munti walang ano-ano'y lumipad
ngunit nag-iwan ng aral na sadyang matapat:
kahit na dukha madali kang uunlad
kung masipag kang lagi may sagana kang bukas.

In the above lyrics, Coroza saw an affirmation of life by the poor, who, in their struggle to survive, find a sustaining balm in a bird's ditty. Like the warble of the legendary "Ibong Adarna," the bird's chant is miraculous as it brings back life to the lifeless, resurrecting the tired, helpless spirit, even empowering it!

In fact, the bird image is a central motif of many songs, Coroza said. It is the motif of Mang Levi's own song, the popular "Ang Pipit." It is also the motif of the lyrics he wrote for Facundo Perez's "Basang Sisiw," J Buencamino's "Ibong Sawi," Jose Estella's "Ang Maya" and Constancio de Guzman's classic "Bayan Ko."

Coroza's lecture was enhanced by the superb performance of the famous Mabuhay Singers who rendered Mang Levi's lyrics. Vocally, the Mabuhay Singers have not aged. They have kept their singing stance in top form, expressed in impeccable, poetic delivery. Their blending has taste; their diction is clear and their melodic contour, elegant.

The audience was mostly composed of students more used to the oblique melodic contour of Western pop songs. Young people packed the auditorium, and it was obvious they greatly enjoyed this different, ennobling experience. The Mabuhay Singers (composed of Cely Bautista, Rita Rivera, Raye Lucero, Naning Alba, Eddie Suarez and Juan Navarro) dished out samples of *kundiman*, *balitaw*, *danza*, ballad and even an art song. They brought down the house with their renditions of the catchy "Ikaw Kasi," the sentimental "Gaano Ko Ikaw Kamahal" and the plaintive "Sa Ugoy ng Duyan."

Parts of the performance by the Mabuhay Singers will be aired on dzFE soon

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The issue of safety in Cosmetic Surgery

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Far too much cosmetic surgery is being done by doctors who are not qualified. Legally, anyone with a medical license can perform any kind of cosmetic surgery. Thus patients should seek out doctors who have completed formal residency training programs in plastic surgery.

The following are "commonsense" tips for ensuring safety in cosmetic surgery:

- Never have any injections or other medical procedures to be done on you inside a beauty parlor. Cosmeticians, hairdressers and beauty parlor attendants are not allowed by law to inject substances under the skin.
- Never allow anyone, including doctors, to inject silicone liquid or paraffin wax into any part of your body. This is not accepted medical practice.
- Beware of "new" but controversial techniques. For example, fat injections for breast or penis enlargement are not proven to be effective. Removal of stretch marks by laser or endermologie is also not proven to be effective.
- Beware of doctors who appear over-eager to convince you to undergo surgery and who promise terrific results.
- Never allow a doctor to talk you into agreeing to any procedure you don't want.
- Ask friends who have had cosmetic surgery done on them if they highly recommend their surgeon.
- Be wary of doctors who fail to take a medical history or who do not perform a thorough physical examination.
- Do not shop around for the cheapest doctor. This is a big mistake. An unusually low fee could mean that the doctor is skimping on expensive life-saving drugs and equipment. When complications arise, patients spend more for hospitalization costs and additional corrective surgery.

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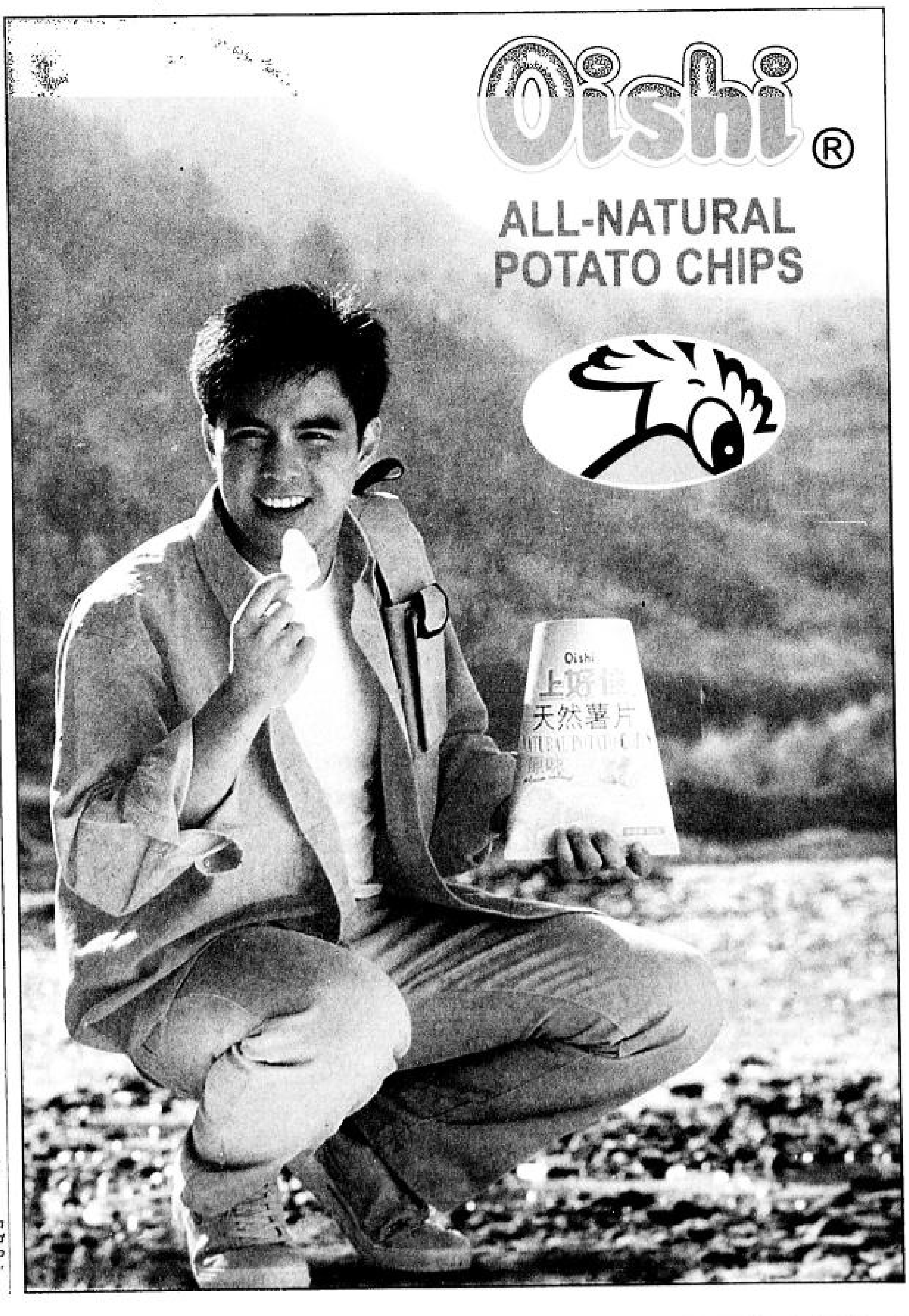


Lucio San Pedro's last great work resurrects Bernardo Carpio myth

By Cora Llamas
Contributor

LOVERS of Filipino classical music and the *zarzuela* can catch the last great work of Lucio San Pedro this week at the UP Theater. The *zarzuela*, "Bayan, Isang Paa Na Lamang," will feature 17 new songs of the National Artist, as performed by a full orchestra conducted by Prof. Chino Toledo of the UP College of Music.

San Pedro began the score on the revolutionary-themed musical three years ago, and completed it through bouts of illness and hospital visits before passing away at the age of 89. Dr. Melba Maggay, the socio-anthropologist-turned-playwright who wrote the book of "Bayan," remembers that San Pedro remained a true gentleman throughout the genesis and development of the musical.

"He embodies what a National Artist should be. All his life, in spite of the honors he received, he continued to be part of his community life in Angono, a gentleman of the old school. That genteel sense of honor was very palpable. He would call me to apologize when he would be late turning out the work. All of our communication was personal. We'd talk about the music on the phone, or I'd go to his house to listen to the music, or when I'd have to deliver his checks.

"*Noong natapos na niya iyong zarzuela, tinawagan niya ako: 'Obligasyon ko iyan sa inyo.'* That's what he would call it: his '*obligasyon*.'"

Trademark

True to form, the music of "Bayan" bears the old man's trademark: "Classical music *pero ang damdamin ay* Pilipino."

It is classical music that appeals to the popular taste, in the process bridging the wide cultural divide between the Filipino educated elite and the *masa*. Maggay hopes that the *zarzuela* will have the same effect.

After decades of traveling, studying, authoring and speaking on Filipino culture, social change and other development issues, Maggay felt that she could reach a greater audience and possibly deliver a stronger impact by stating the same message in a popular art form.

"*Ang mga bata ngayon, ayaw na magbasa*," she laments. "*Wala silang* sense of *kasaysayan*. The only way to teach them is through plays like these."

The resulting play, "Bayan, Isang Paa Na Lamang," tied second-place in the 1998 National Centennial Literary Awards for the *zarzuela*. Not long after, Lucio San Pedro wrote its music. The Institute for Studies in Asian Church and Culture, the organization Maggay founded to "combine politics and church-and-culture issues," is producing the musical in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

Well-known artists in musical theater and the opera will appear in key roles, such as Robert Seña, Deeda Barretto, Aileen Espinosa-Cura, Gamaliel Viray, Bimbo Cerrudo, Lionel Guico and Jai Sabas-Aracama. Paul Morales directs.

ROBERT Seña and Cynthia Culig Guico play townsfolk who find a liberating spirit in a local myth.

The central imagery of the play focuses on the metaphor of Bernardo Carpio, the Filipino ancient hero who has finally wrested one foot free from the shackles that he has endured for centuries. Carpio lives in the hearts and minds of the ordinary men and women in the play, becoming their inspiration to join the Katipunan and fight for freedom.

Identification

Maggay explains this identification. "*Tulad ni* Bernardo Carpio *na nalibing sa kuweba at may isang paang nakaipit sa bato, may* dormant *na* power *sa* Filipino people. We are a very creative and talented people, yet something hinders us.

"The deficit theory of development says that a nation's progress is blocked if it has a deficit in natural resources, human resources and technological savvy. *Wala tayong mga ganoong* deficit. In terms of natural resources, *mayaman ang* Pilipinas, *hindi tayo desyerto. Wala kang* deficit in human resources, *marami kang* Ph.D. *dito. Sa* technology, *kasama tayo sa* two Asian countries at the forefront of technological savviness. *Ang* deficit *ay nasa ating* self-image. We tend to regard that everything is controlled and shaped by the parameters outside—everywhere else, not in this country, is *mahusay. Iniisip natin na ang Pilipinas ay maliit at nasa isang tabi.*"

No longer, not at least in this *zarzuela*. What's fascinating about the musical is that its townspeople find their courage and their strength in the mythos they've lived in, and not in some revolutionary model imported from abroad.

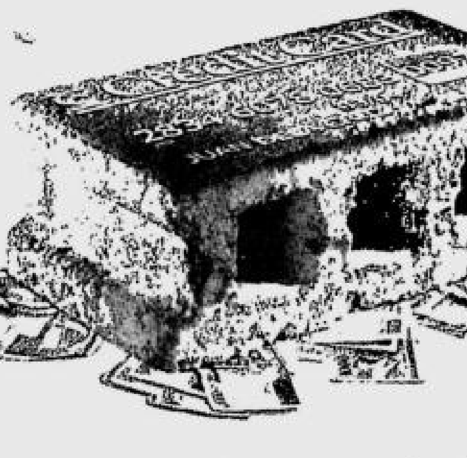
Maggay says that this musical has the ordinary people as the heroes. "The revolution will be seen from the perspective of the people below, *iyong mga maliliit na Katipunero*. History through their eyes. *Ang* source of motivation *nila ay hindi ang mga librong nabasa nila sa* French revolution, *kagaya ni* Andres Bonifacio.

"They sourced their political will from a religious identity.

"This play will show the Confradia, a religious movement, which is the precursor of the cults in Banahaw. *Iyong* head *noong* Confradia *ay nakikiisa sa* Katipunan *at sinugod ang kartel sa* Tayabas.

"Historically speaking, many of these quasi-religious movements bore the brunt of the resistance against Spain and the American occupation. *Kahit nadakip na si* Aguinaldo, *tuloy pa rin sila sa laban!*"

"Bayan, Isang Paa Na Lamang" runs at the UP Theater July 25-27 and at the CCP Theater on Aug. 3. Call 921-4523 and 922-9420.



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Designed, adapted and directed by Dramatis Personae's artistic director Lito Casaje from Donald Richie's English translation, with additional dialogue from Faye and Michael Kanin's Broadway version, "Rashomon" features seasoned actors Joseph Lara, Dingdong Rosales, Fermin Villegas, Joel Caballero, Andre Christian Torres, Christopher Cruz, Angie Baesa and Alma Concepcion as the samurai's wife, Masago.

Based on two short stories by Ryunosuke Akutagawa, "In a Grove" and "Rashomon," the play is a brilliant parable on the relativity of truth.

Originally set in feudal Japan, the story consists of four versions of a rape and a violent death that occurred in the woods. Four people involved in the crime relate the versions, which are radically different from one another.

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